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DEAR FRIENDS: This world of ours is one of change. The days come and go, the sunshine follows the clouds; events occur, while an all-wise Providence guides and disposes. With the close of this volume we lay down our work in connection with this magazine. Not without thought and prayer, and much hesitation has this decision been reached, but we trust the "love of Christ constraineth us."

Nine years ago this publication began its existence, the result of a conviction, clear and positive, that there was need of it. It was a small beginning, but out of it has come much that has been helpful, and the magazine has found an abiding place in many a heart and home. In these years much of good has come to woman along the various lines of mind and heart culture, as she has been receptive and responsive to the voices which have said to her, Come up to higher regions of thought, and into diviner service with thy Lord. New fields have opened, enterprises have been conceived, organizations increased, and the agencies for the spread of the Gospel have multiplied, while the distinctive work of the Christian church, the evangelization of the world, seemed never so clearly defined as now.

The responsibility of being at once editor, publishing agent, and treasurer for nine years has involved much toil and exhaustion of nerve and brain. We feel sure change will bring rest and recuperation; therefore, as we recall the many wearisome hours of the day and the night we do rejoice that our women have come to see "eye to eye" with us; that the perplexing details of the magazine work are to be divided, and that another brain than that of the editor will henceforth carry the burden of finance and the official correspondence of more than four thousand subscribers, and also the answers gladly made to inquiries for information and help from hundreds of earnest women.

We recognize the tender care of our Heavenly Father in this change which now comes to us, and trust that the ultimate result will be a broadening of thought for ourself, and with its greater facilities, enlargement for the precious enterprise which has so long been the central object of our best thought and effort. Around it will ever linger the affection begotten of toil and solicitude in its infancy and love grown strong with its years of usefulness and prosperity.

In pursuance of a desire to serve the cause of missions our eyes have turned toward the mission fields, especially in foreign lands. To see, to talk, to walk, to pray with the missionaries in their routine of daily labors, to take the hand and look into the eyes of our heathen sisters, and to watch the eager faces of children who are hearing the gospel message, that we may become more useful through the inspiration which can only come from personal contact, "face to face," is our heart's longing. We believe God will grant it in His own good time, and in His own best way. We can wait His will. In the meantime, we shall cheerfully accept the work He has put at once into our hands, regarding it all as needful for our preparation for future fields of labor.

In the retrospective there is much that is pleasant in these nine years of service. There has been among us, in

the main, unity of purpose to advance Christ's kingdom; there has been the binding together of hearts in closer sympathy and fellowship; there has been mutual burden-bearing; and on heights, together, now and then, we have looked out over the vast waste places, and wiping the brow — have girded freshly for the toil, strong in the strength of God.

We extend gratefully our thanks and acknowledgments to every one who has given "aid and comfort" to this magazine, and we would not omit to mention the interest and devotion of those who have gone on before, nor fail to recall the support of Mr. Brewster, than whom, in its earlier years, it had no more sincere or helpful friend. While we go to other service in the wide field, we trust we do not go away from your hearts, and the tender sympathy which has so often cheered us. In the bonds of Christian love and fidelity, shall we not still be "workers together," and "round by heaven, the shortest way to every heart," often send greetings of good will and faith and courage.

The MISSIONARY HELPER will go on, and we trust become a greater power for good. Let no one omit her part, but bring each her offering, as you shall give to those who are to take up this work your constant sympathy and earnest prayers. "God be with ye," but not farewell.

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WE introduce to our readers as editor for the coming year, Mrs. E. S. Burlingame, who is prominently identified with the W. C. T. Union of Rhode Island, and who brings to this work experience, and sympathy with all that tends to advance the cause of missions.

The work of Publishing Agent will be under the care of Mrs. E. H. Andrews, whom we are confident will efficiently meet the duties of her position,

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IN a note of inquiry regarding several points which relate to ways of interesting children, Mrs. Stillman, of Minneapolis, suggests the helpfulness which might be added, if

our returning missionaries would bring home Indian idols and curiosities for circulation. The request of Miss Anthony, on another page, is in the same line. We hope this portion of the Bureau will soon be filled, and that others can be enlarged and refurnished.

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THE editor of the *Missionary Review* announces in the last number, that for 1887 that publication will be issued once a month. Though it will involve more labor and expense, the purpose is to keep the price the same as now (\$1.50), hoping a larger circulation will save from loss.

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SLOW is the progress of any great thought or movement which undermines a custom, hoary with age. But it is sure to prevail, and before the light of the gospel of righteousness, the next great social reform to be effected in India, is that of the abolition of child marriage.

At a great meeting held at Bangalore, comprising some two thousand influential Hindus, Sir Madhava Rao, one of the most intelligent Hindus, made the following significant utterance: "My advice is, let all honesty resolve that there shall be no marriage in our families, until the girl is more than sixteen."

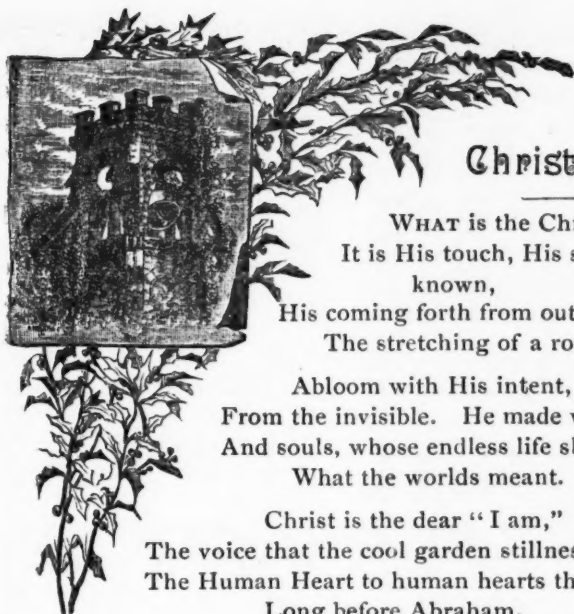
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WE have just received from Miss Lombard, the editor of *Children Work for Children*, Presbyterian, a copy of a missionary Christmas exercise, entitled "Open Doors," which has been prepared for schools and bands of that denomination. It is suitable for general use and is cordially offered to our band leaders and Sunday Schools. Such would do well to order copies of Miss Mary I. Lombard, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Penn. \$1.25 per hundred copies.

An exercise, which may well be called the "Harvesters," is being prepared by Miss Anthony, and will soon be printed by our publication committee, it is hoped.

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No one should fail to remember that *Missionary Reminiscences* makes an excellent Christmas present.



## Christmas.

WHAT is the Christ of God?  
It is His touch, His sign, His making  
known,

His coming forth from out the all alone;  
The stretching of a rod

Abloom with His intent,  
From the invisible. He made worlds so,  
And souls, whose endless life should be to know  
What the worlds meant.

Christ is the dear "I am,"  
The voice that the cool garden stillness broke,  
The Human Heart to human hearts that spoke,  
Long before Abraham.

—A. D. T. Whitney.

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## Woman's Work in Missions.

[Extract from a paper read before the General Conference at Marion, O., by Miss L. A. DeMeritte.]

IN 1800 the Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes was organized in the Baptist denomination. History gives us no further knowledge of this society, except that funds given by it were acknowledged in later years, by other more general societies. One year later, the Boston Female Society for Promoting the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge, was organized. Its object was to raise funds to pass over to the Massachusetts Missionary Society. In 1812 mention is made of a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in New Haven, Conn. These, and others of a similar character, all in the Congregationalist denomination, flourished till 1842, when they began to decline, and by 1860 became nearly extinct. In 1819 a Woman's So-

ciety was formed in New York City, in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, which continued till 1861. With the exception of this last, other than local societies did not exist in this country before 1847, when our own Female Missionary Society, with its auxiliaries in Yearly Meetings and Quarterly Meetings, was organized.

One studies its records with a great deal of interest. They bring to mind women who have either passed to the beyond, or are on the border-land; women, whose devotion to righteousness should be an inspiration to every woman in our own denomination, and should awaken a desire to be true to the work which they so nobly commenced. Two of their number, who served the society as officers through the whole period of its existence, are still strong, helpful workers in the present organization. These women will always be remembered as a connecting link between the two, — Mrs. Hills and Mrs. Ramsey.

The constitution of the society required that its funds should be paid to the treasurer of the F. B. Missionary Society; the records give no statement of the amount received or paid out. Its work was largely educational. It aimed to form organizations, or appoint women collectors in every church. Tracts were published and distributed; resolutions were offered urging ministers to present the subject to their congregations; requests were made to the missionary societies to take measures to induce pastors of churches to establish missionary concerts in their respective churches, and the conductors of the *Morning Star* were asked to secure the services of some one to prepare a column of missionary intelligence each week. With the twenty-first public anniversary of the society, which took place in 1868, its records close. No intimation is given as to why the work ceased; a silence in the form of blank pages, fills the remainder of the book of records.

One fact is noticeable, and each must judge for himself how much it had to do with the final dissolution of the Society. From the first public meeting in 1847 to the closing one in 1868, not once did a woman preside, or read a report, and only once did one deliver an address. The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by one Elder, and the Treasurer's report by another. Sometimes the records state that, at a business meeting, it was voted to ask one



minister to preside, another to act as secretary of the public meeting; even a written address by Miss Crawford, who was herself present, was read by a minister. The question naturally arises, how long would an organization of men hold together under like circumstances?

In 1848 the Ladies' China Missionary Society of Baltimore was founded. This Society continued its work until it was merged into the general Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1871.

Thus briefly I have referred to the older woman's missionary societies. As a lady of the Methodist denomination says, "Whatever credit or praise may be given to the various woman's missionary societies of the present day, let us remember the many zealous workers who, when the cause of missions was not a popular one, with many prayers and much earnest effort, labored in the midst of difficulties unknown in these days." And it may be truthfully added, eternity alone will reveal how much our present success is dependent upon the new currents of thought which they set in motion.

In 1861 the first modern Woman's Missionary Society was organized, and was undenominational in character. I refer to the Woman's Union Missionary Society in New York. This was followed in 1868 by the organization of the Woman's Board of Missions in the Congregational Church. From that time to 1880, nineteen woman's missionary societies were organized, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Protestant Episcopal, Baptist, Disciples, Dutch Reformed, United Brethren, Methodist Protestant, Lutheran, and our own denominations.

From the *Historical Sketches of Woman's Missionary Societies*, published in 1883, we learn that to that time, twenty woman's missionary societies had contributed \$6,108,734 to the missionary work. And from a study of the reports of different societies for 1883 and 1884, as given in the *Missionary Review*, we conclude that the receipts are constantly and rapidly increasing. In 1884 alone, they contributed upwards of \$850,000.

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WILL agents who have copies of the Manual unsold, please return them at once to Miss DeMerritte. The edition is about exhausted, and another will soon be published.

## "Heroines of the Mission Fields."

[BY MRS. ALTIE F. PHILLIPS.]

MRS. MARIA GOBAT, oldest daughter of Christian Zeller, was born on the the 9th of November, 1813, in Zofingen, Switzerland. Her life seems naturally to be divided into four periods, — preparation for work, plans made, plans thwarted, and work given. When Maria was six years of age she removed with her parents to Beuggen, where her father had charge of a school for destitute children. Madame Zeller was in sympathy with the cause, so at an early age Maria was surrounded by an atmosphere of self-denying work for the good of others. No account is given of her conversion, but it undoubtedly occurred when she was quite young, for the love to God and faith in her Savior, which characterized even her younger days, could be found only in a heart redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. When twenty years of age she was unexpectedly called upon to make plans for future work. At this time, Rev. Samuel Gobat, a missionary from Abyssinia, became acquainted with the Zeller family and was not long in discovering that Maria was well qualified to become, not only a missionary, but a missionary's wife. So plans were formed, and in the spring of 1834 the newly married couple set out on their journey to Abyssinia, expecting to spend their lives among the people of that country.

When their most difficult journey was nearly completed Mr. Gobat was taken so severely ill that it was impossible for them to go further, and there on the border of their chosen field of labor they were obliged to remain for two years, all of which time Mr. Gobat was confined to his bed. There their first child was born, and Mrs. Gobat was twice prostrated with cholera. So their plans were thwarted. Yet during all this their faith failed not, and who can tell but that those months of unfailing faith during so much suffering and disappointment, may not have preached the gospel of peace better than words could have done. At the end of two years it became evident that Mr. Gobat would never regain his health in Abyssinia, and it was decided for them to return to Switzerland.



After some months spent among his native mountains, Mr. Gobat resumed work for the Church Missionary society, spending most of the time from 1838 to 1845, in Malta and Switzerland. In 1845 he was nominated to the See of Jerusalem, and early in the year following, went with his family to the Holy Land, to begin what proved to be his own and Mrs. Gobat's life-work. Under Mr. Gobat's direction, schools were soon established throughout Palestine, and in the oversight of these Mrs. Gobat found her principal work, outside her own home. Her great desire was to be a mother to those under her care, and there is abundant proof that, according to His promise, God gave her the desire of her heart.

Twenty years of mental development, five months of planning, two years of suffering and disappointment, two years of rest and miscellaneous work,—all as preparation for thirty-three years of great usefulness, and a peaceful death.

Take courage, discontented ones ; these times of suffering, of disappointment, of seeming inactivity, all have a meaning. Some suffering hearts will need your sympathy, some disappointed ones your encouragement, some languishing cause your strength. Be patient then, for the promise is sure. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

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Miss Benton, speaking of her school in Yokohama, Japan, says : "By some new arrangements an order came from the government officials for our schools to come into the same examination as theirs. There was much excitement among the pupils, and they worked faithfully at Kanagana. Before they went they all knelt down and asked God's help for the day. . . . Some of the scholars from the other schools shouted, "Oh ! here comes the Jesus Christ school — they cannot pass ! But they did every one. One of the examiners said to another : "What school is this in which every child has passed?" The other replied : "Why it is the one known as the Jesus Christ school."

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HAVE we a single church in our denomination that *will*, not *can*, support a missionary ? A Presbyterian church in North Carolina notifies its committee that it is ready to do this at \$1,000 a year.

### Origin of Midnapore Girls' Home.

DEAR MRS. BREWSTER :—I send you another *Reminiscence of our Indian Mission*, written by Mrs. Dr. J. L. Phillips, soon after the terrible famine that visited our mission field in 1866, and swept away one million and a half of its inhabitants.

M. M. H. HILLS.

One year ago last July, during the terrible famine, the attending physician of the Famine Relief Infirmary brought us a bright-eyed skeleton of a child, apparently about four years old, and weighing sixteen pounds.

"I cannot," said he, "keep Dumki with the dead and dying any longer. She runs out to meet me every time, trots along behind me as I go from patient to patient, and often speaks a tender word to the sufferers. The child is too bright to be ruined. Don't you want her?"

We gladly accepted the little charge, little realizing that this was but the opening of our own home to many other orphan girls. Four months afterwards, early one morning, a little creature, creeping out from under an old cart, gazed into our faces with such a loving but friendless stare, that we were obliged to give her a place by little Dumki. Every time those little ones thrust their happy faces into ours, or their merry shouts fell upon our ears, the thought would come, that out under the trees, in all the drenching rains, in the dark bazars, crouching in reeking filth, here, there, everywhere, are little ones who never smile now, whose little lives are fast ebbing out; can we not make room for a few more? But where are the rupees to come from?

A few days later imagine how our unbelief was rebuked by a letter from "Alice," over the ocean, saying: "I will support your first orphan, little Dumki. Give her my name," and a note from Mrs. H.: "My little neices in England wish me to adopt the girl found under the cart." And still another from a European lady: "Won't you take a little girl for me? I'll care for her until she is eighteen." With grateful hearts we were sure that the way was fast opening for us to receive many others, and on the 1st of March we decided to welcome all that came, trusting alone to Him who has said: "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine," and also: "Ask and it shall be given you."

In May nine came to us from the jungle, and the next day after their arrival, a beautiful curly-haired child led her old, and apparently dying father to our door, and begged for entrance. The old man soon became strong enough to earn his living, but was glad enough to give us the girl. Soon we had twelve, whom with no little pleasure and inconvenience, too, we lodged in our little bungalow, save now and then, when the weather permitted, in the cook-house close by. And when we began to think about building a house for the children, help came again from a most unexpected quarter. A generous gentleman in England sent us £50, quite money enough to put up a suitable house for fifty children. In October came twenty more girls, and our crowded rooms made us look about for a building site. This also came. Several acres of land adorned with magnificent shade-trees, were placed at our disposal, and a kind gentleman provided us with tents to live in while our houses were being erected. We owe our good friends in the station many thanks for help afforded in various ways since we moved into camp. Long will every orphan girl remember the kind magistrate and his lady, their *bada bandhu* (great friends), as they always choose to call them. With tears they ask if they have really gone away to never come back again.

Cheering words have recently come to us from friends in America, and from entire strangers in England and Scotland. These dear little ones, snatched from the jaws of famine, are in His constant keeping who is the orphans' Father, so we can neither doubt nor despond for the future.

On the 11th of March the school was opened. Several day scholars have been connected with it from first to last. As yet hardly more than a beginning has been made in the instruction. Elementary classes in Bengali, Oriya, Santal, and English have been organized, and are making fair progress. The eagerness of most of the children to learn to read and work, and their earnestness in listening to religious instruction, have been very encouraging. Particularly during this last month we have felt that God by His own spirit was leading several to himself. Their keen sorrow when overcome by temptation, their readiness to confess their faults, and ask forgiveness, and their simple, hearty prayers, have been powerful witnesses of their sincerity.

## Ninth Annual Report of the Editor.

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[ Read at the annual meeting of the Society, October 17, held in connection with the General Conference at Marion, Ohio. ]

IN all work of the year the purpose has been to make the *MISSIONARY HELPER* as attractive and readable a magazine as the means which could be made available would permit, and as helpful to the mission worker, and the cause which this society represents, as it were possible. The several departments have been fairly well sustained. Effort has been made to touch topics of vital interest in the editorial notes, and to echo the call to the great work of the Christian church, which is with increasing force claiming its attention.

The introduction of an article each month, written by some one of our brothers has been continued. The first one of the volume for 1886 was contributed by the Rev. Dr. Laurie, a venerable missionary of the American Board, and the author of several valuable works pertaining to missions.

Dr. Phillips, Rev. Mr. Penney, and others, have cheerfully contributed valuable papers on well chosen subjects. These articles, full of suggestive thoughts, it is hoped have helped to bring the pastors into greater sympathy with the cause of missions, and a personal interest in the *HELPER*. Who can be more helped by missionary reading than the pastors of our churches, who are the acknowledged leaders of thought and influence.

The series of biographical sketches under the heading of "Heroines of the Mission Field," has been prepared for the most part by new writers, and was intended to increase interest in missionary biography, and thus to influence our readers to study the lives of those who have been God's servants, and to become partakers to some degree of the spirit which was the main-spring of the lives described.

The department of Correspondence, which holds the main treasures, and where the interest of the general reader, as well as the mission worker, centers, has contained some choice, helpful things, and yet more information, gathered out of our missionaries' experience, their observation, their daily life, is what is coveted. It is clearly evident that the busy lives of our own missionaries do not permit much

letter writing for the public print. With the increase of missionaries in the field, it may be reasonably expected that this department will be kept fuller of good things. The Niche has contained some original articles, and we are convinced the children need and love their own little corner. Words from Home Workers have told one section what the other was doing, and the selections have been made with reference to stimulating thought and deepening conviction regarding the needs of those destitute of the gospel, and especially to make emphatic the fact that missions to-day are demanding the best thought and consecration of the Christian church.

The Bible Reading by Mrs. Hayes, gave spirit, and tone and impulse. Home missions and our work among the colored people have had some words spoken for them, and would have had more could those who were occupied in promoting the work in the west and in the south found time to have told what they were doing, or of that which passed under their observation.

To the Home Department, which was a new feature introduced by the Board this year, has been given considerable thought, and care has been taken to have only such topics for the most part presented as were related in some degree to missions, and would harmonize with the main part of the magazine, and at the same time recognize the object for which it was introduced.

The MISSIONARY HELPER approaches its tenth birthday. At the General Conference held at Fairport, N. Y., in 1877, plans began to mature for its publication. The committee on publication of that conference, of which the Rev. O. E. Baker was chairman, reported a resolution containing an endorsement, which was as a christening for this magazine, and we record that action here with a grateful heart, and at the same time would mention the constant sympathy and support which many pastors and brethren have given to it, thus saying, we believe in this messenger of good to our denomination. The MISSIONARY HELPER was born of a positive conviction that the cause in India and the workers at home needed it.

You honored me, my sisters, in calling me to a position of great responsibility and trust. We will not write the history of all the labor, the discouragements, the heart-aches,

our unreachd ideal of this magazine. Sufficient that there has been conscientious endeavor, and herein "lies the hidden recompense."

The *HELPER* to-day is an established fact, and rests securely on the foundation of the love, the good will, and the sacrifice and self-giving of the many. Between this many and the editor and publisher there has sprung up a spirit of fellowship, which has meant sympathy, interest, mutual helpfulness, and coöperation in extending the blessings of the Christian religion to those destitute of them. I am grateful for the oft-repeated words of appreciation of the magazine, and the many "God bless you and your work" which have been sent to me by the subscribers and the general readers.

In the leadings of Providence it has seemed best that this labor and care and responsibility should pass to other hands.

It is strange, and yet not strange, how like one's own child a publication becomes. How a feeling possesses the one who cares for it, that it must go on at any sacrifice. It has been well said that but for this feeling most worthy papers and magazines would die in infancy.

I commend this child of thought and prayer to your united love and care, and pray that those who shall guide and nourish it to a more vigorous and useful life may find great satisfaction in this service. It cannot be known or estimated how great an agency the missionary magazine is in the uplifting of humanity and in the spread of the gospel of Christ. May the wisdom which guides unerringly in all the events of human life, and the blessings of Him who cares for His own work, establishing it, be granted to us all and the *MISSIONARY HELPER*.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

WHEREAS, through the leadings of Divine Providence, Mrs. M. M. Brewster feels that her usefulness will be increased by visiting our mission fields, and recognizing her faithful and efficient labors as editor and agent of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*,

*Resolved*, That we express to Mrs. Brewster our appreciation of these services and of the great good brought to the women of our denomination through this child of her heart and brain.



*Resolved*, That we pray for the blessing and care of Divine Love to be ever about our sister, that it may direct her into paths of great good to herself and of usefulness to others.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be given to Mrs. Brewster and printed in the *MISSIONARY HELPER*.

A. B. TOURTELLOT,

*Rec. Secretary Free Baptist Woman's Miss. Society.*

### Forget-Me-Nots.

[TO MRS. M. M. BREWSTER.]

A CROSS this pure white page we lay  
 A bunch of "blue forget-me-nots,"  
 To bring you fair and fragrant thoughts  
 Of kind friends, though far away.  
 On prairie wide and mountain height,  
 Along the two vast ocean strands,  
 'Neath summer sun — in foreign lands —  
 And winter snow, these flowers are bright.  
 Think not such spirit-blooms are blown,  
 Like elfin orchids, in mid-air! —  
 The gift we bring is far more rare —  
 Their roots in many hearts are grown.  
 They bloom anew at Christmas-tide,  
 When thought oft lies too deep for speech,  
 And greetings pass, from each to each,  
 In lowly deeds, love glorified.  
 "Goodwill" and "Peace," ring out the bells;  
 While o'er the page lie petaled thoughts,  
 For life-long cheer, forget-me-nots,  
 Till God shall give white immortelles.

— *Hopetill Farnham.*

The Reading Books — *English Made Easy*, Nos. 1 and 2, — by Mrs. Z. F. Griffin, have been accepted by Government, and are placed on its list of books to be used in the native schools where English is taught in Bengal and Orissa. They contain lessons on the wrong customs of the country, and some religious teaching.

## Correspondence.

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[ FROM MISS NELLIE M. PHILLIPS, M. D. ]

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### HOME AGAIN.

I want to ask the mothers who read this, whether they know of anything really sweeter to witness, than the welcome a happy little child can give a newly arrived brother or sister. Such bird like cooings, as our lassie of two summers bent over the wonderful little form; such irresistibly coaxing tones, as she reached out two fat hands for her turn at holding the dear little burden.

The sight is quite as lovely in Indian jungles as in American homes. In fact were I a baby with the power of choice, I think I should choose a Christian home in some pagan land, as a place where I might enter the world sure of a welcome from both the old and young. The purity and helpless trust of infancy, are in such contrast to the sin and selfishness of surrounding heathenism. Its cheerfulness is contagious, and after one look at the world through those hopeful baby eyes, we take up work again with a lighter heart and a brighter faith in God and humanity.

So little Jeremiah Burkholder has begun his mission in Bhimpore. May he live to have as good a record as the blessed grandfather whose name he has taken.

Mrs. Burkholder is very busy with the care of her own three little ones, in addition to station, church, and school work. I left there the last of August, and seeing how much strength and courage she has for her task, I thanked God anew for raising her as from the dead, after that severe and lingering illness four years ago, when we had almost despaired of her life.

Mr. Burkholder has little time to help her at home. Riding out from Midnapore (20 miles) on Friday after the forenoon school closes, he is busy until Sunday afternoon. when he must return to be ready for Monday's work in the Bible School.

The Santal Training School at Bhimpore, with its stout, manly young men from the jungles — excellent material to work on — would well repay a greater outlay of his time



than can be given them till he is free from Midnapore duties.

On the way home I stopped over a day or two in Midnapore. I want just here to express my thanks to all those who had a share in sending Dr. Bachelor back so soon. We feel as though we had a father among us again. Must we all wait till our hair is silvered to become as thoughtful as he of the feelings and comfort of others? But I must tell you, for 'tis an open secret here, that sympathy was never so utterly wasted as that bestowed on him at the time of his last return. If Mrs. Bachelor and Mary were only here you might search America in vain for so thoroughly contented a man as can be found any day in Midnapore. With school, bazar, and dispensary to employ his working hours, he has for his leisure, besides books and papers, numerous pets — cats, dogs, monkeys, occasionally a captured snake or chameleon, some one of which are always on hand to offer their companionship. When I saw how overworked Miss Coombs is, I readily accounted for her low spirits and discouragement. She, as much as any one of us, needs the relief we are hoping for in the reinforcement.

Mrs. George still has faith (we all had when we first came to India) in the possibility of native children learning to stand in straight rows, and sing and recite in concert.

When I visited the Ragged school and saw how much order her patience and industry had instilled into that most chaotic of assemblies, a Hindoo school; when I saw how well they succeeded in their singing, and concert recitations of scripture, I really began to wonder whether my faith had not failed me too soon.

I stopped but a few moments in Dantoon. Poor Dantoon, left alone in its idolatry! The sight of a new brick temple just building within a half mile of our empty mission bungalow, made me think, with a sigh of relief, that the man for the middle stations, so long called for, is finally on the way to the rescue. May the winds and waves speed him, he will not be here a moment too early. I arrived at Jellapore in time for the Quarterly Meeting, where — beside native delegates — I found Mrs. Smith, Brother Griffin, Mother and Ida.

Reaching home at Santipore, just six weeks from the day

I had left, I concluded, as often before, that a medical missionary with frequent absences, is a poor person to have chief charge of regular station work. But help is on the way! We shall hold a jubilee and set all these things right "when our ship comes in."

SANTIPORE, Oct, 6, 1886.

[FROM MRS. S. C. GRIFFIN.]

DEAR HELPER READERS: I came near writing "Dear Helpers," and would it have been a bad mistake if I had?

*Thankful* we are to God and to you all, that help is coming to us. This is our jubilee year, and it is proving a jubilee year indeed. My grave husband smiles when I say I hope the missionaries will sail early, for I am in a hurry to see them. But the fact is that he and all the rest are rejoicing as well as myself. There will be "Auntie" and Mary Bachelor ready to work the very day they get here. Yes, and dear Jessie too. "Lost and found" makes us doubly thankful. God is better to us than our fears, and so Miss Hooper is coming back to us well, and as eager for work and as surely successful, too, as before. We have hoped and prayed for her restoration and return. To God be all the glory. And now don't think, I pray you, that she is going to break down at once. God can keep her well if she is prudent, as He would have her be. God knows what we *need* to do and what risks *need* to be run, and His grace is sufficient for those. Sometimes we forget, though, that it is only the *needs* that He has promised to supply, and we are too venturesome. This is wrong. But health surely is one of "all your needs" for missionary work. Then, can't we trust Him? How my heart sings His praises to-night, for His wonderful power and His wonderful blessings. Many of my friends at home gave me two years to live in India. More than two years have gone by, and I have been well most of the time since I came, and am well to-night, and stronger than when I left home. How precious is this blessing of health that God has given back to me. What the future has in store for me, whether days or years of life work, God knows. But I believed God wanted me in India, and I believe now that if I can but do only what and just what he says, that he will give me strength till the

work he would have me do is done. And who would care to live after that in any land?

So we are to welcome back these three tried workers, and with them five new workers at least. May God make these last *reapers* in these whitened fields.

And about our brother from the Christian Denomination,—is he not coming? *We want him.* And we long for the day to come when the Christians and Free Baptists will be one, not only in sympathy and mission work, but in organization. And more than this we wish for. We wish the day had come—is it far distant?—when all Liberal Baptist denominations would unite in one.

BALASORE, Sept. 5, 1886.

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[FROM MISS COOMBS.]

#### A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING.

WE had quite a sensation here last week,—a marriage among the Bengali aristocracy.

The postmaster of Midnapore is an educated Bengali and a Christian, which latter fact does not make it impossible for him to have many friends among the educated Hindus.

He is a member of the Scottish Free Church mission of Calcutta, but attends our chapel with his family, and helps with his subscription.

His daughter was to be married to the son of a minister connected with that mission, and invitations were sent a week or two beforehand to all the Christians in Midnapore (except the English “society” people) and to many of the Hindus.

The ceremony was to be performed in our chapel, at 5 P. M., and we tried to brighten it somewhat for the occasion, but its dimensions were all too small for the crowd that came. The Christians themselves make quite a congregation, but that day they were supplemented by municipal officers, judges, lawyers, physicians, teachers from the public schools, and quite a representation of “young Bengal.” Never before had our chapel seen such a gathering of Hindus. Many were obliged to stand after we had done our best to seat them; while the doors and windows were darkened by uninvited guests and the ubiquitous small boy, anxious to see what all this commotion was for.

The bride was dressed in silk, sensibly adhering to the graceful *sari* of the Bengalis, and the groom in the national white costume of his countrymen.

The ceremony was performed by the bridegroom's father, and I hoped all the time that the listeners were impressed with the contrast between these solemn sentences and the too often senseless performances of a Hindu wedding.

Our invitations read: "and afterwards at their house," but as their own house was not large enough to accommodate so many, we gathered in the drawing-room of an empty English house, which had been furnished for the occasion. Here on the centre table was an enormous wedding cake, three stories high, which with lighter cake, sweets, and lemonade, made up the refreshments. It was interesting to note the different elements in that gathering. Members of the Church of England, Scottish Free Church, American and Bengali Free Baptists, besides members of the Brahmo Somaj and quite a number of Hindus; yet all evidently enjoying themselves. We had songs in Bengali and speeches in English; and after congratulations to the bride and groom, we came away "on the edge of the evening."

Later, about 9 o'clock, an English dinner was given, at which only gentlemen were present, but it was a significant fact that seven or eight of their number were Hindus holding high positions. One man told Mr. George the next day that if his friends wanted to make a fuss about it, they might, he didn't care; thus showing that independence of thought and action is developing.

The whole affair is one of the "signs of the times," for it would not have been possible eight or ten years ago, and in comparison with a Hindu wedding in the same grade of society, must have recommended itself to all those who attended it.

MIDNAPORE, OCT. 4, 1886.

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The *Sanitary Primer* in Oriya, written and published by Miss Ida Phillips, has been accepted by Government, and is on its prescribed list of books for the Primary Schools of Orissa. It is having a large sale.

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A letter from the Rev. Bro. George, on "India's Coral Strand," is received too late for insertion.

## A Word from the Bureau of Intelligence.

[BY MISS ANTHONY.]

“WE want something fresh and new in our public meetings,—something to attract and interest the people. Can you help us?” is an appeal which comes frequently to the Bureau from our Auxiliaries.

The Committee have long realized that a drawer stocked with costumes, or good imitations of the dress of the various missionary nations, would be a most helpful factor in the attempt to “attract and interest the people.” That to be able to furnish costumes for the several dialogues written and planned for such a presentation, or to send out costumes and directions for the illustration of a zenana interior, etc., would often answer the above appeal.

A special effort is now being made to so fill one of the Bureau-drawers, and at the annual meeting of the Rhode Island District, a committee was appointed to devise ways and means. One Rhode Island church has promised two or three costumes, made and used sometime since in a missionary entertainment. We feel confident that there are other churches, auxiliaries, or individuals who can and would gladly make similar donations. The Bureau now in its turn appeals to the more favored Auxiliaries. Instead of allowing them to lie idle and useless in some home drawer or closet, we beg you, dear friends, to hunt up such costumes (or any portions thereof) and deposit them in the Bureau, where you as well as others may call for them at any time, and where they may do service for the Master. But for many, if not for most, of the costumes, materials must be purchased to be fashioned into representations of the foreign garments. The committee, therefore, solicit small sums of money—quarters, dimes, or nickels—from auxiliaries and bands who desire to assist but are unable to furnish garments ready made, or from friends interested in this new feature. Postage stamps may be forwarded. In truth, if *every* auxiliary and band would send but *three letter stamps* it would give an ample “appropriation.”

Will all who can render any aid in this direction communicate as early as possible with Kate J. Anthony, 40 Summer Street, Providence, R. I.

## Bible Reading.

For this closing month of the year the following readings, adapted from the *Lutheran Missionary Journal*, and subjects for study, bearing on the advance of missions in the year 1886, will be found full of interest. They can be varied as circumstances may make convenient.

### BIBLE READING.

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. 1 Sam. vii., 12.

1. He hath given victory. 2 Chron. xiv., 11-12; xxxii., 7-8; Ex. xviii., 8-9; Josh. iv., 9; Job xlii., 12.

2. He is a present strength. 2 Chron. xxxii., 8; 2 Chron. xii., 18; Ps. xxxiii., 20; xl., 17; xli., 1; Isa. l., 7; Hosea xiii., 9; Acts xxvi., 22.

3. He will ever help. Deut. xxxiii., 27-29; Isa. xlv., 10-20; Isa. xlii., 6-10.

4. A song of joy and thanksgiving. Ps. l., 14; c., 4-5; cvii., 21; cviii., 3-5; cxviii., 14; Rev. vii., 11-12.

### SUBJECTS.

1. A century ago. Look in cyclopædia under Missions. The October-November *Missionary Review*, 1886, first article. *Christlieb's Protestant Missions*.

2. Advances or progress in the woman's work. Let this take in the advance in medical missions and work among natives.

3. The progress of your Society. What have you gained in a year? — in information, zeal, number, funds, strength?

4. The growth in the power of the General Society in various denominations throughout the world.

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THE Rev. H. Whitcher, our esteemed brother, and for long years an earnest friend of missions, writes:

"What a very significant word is this — HELPER. Helping give a light; helping inspire zeal; helping increase faith and courage; helping raise money, and helping forward the glorious mission cause. This HELPER every family needs, and we should aim to put it into every Free Baptist family, at least; may God bless you in your noble work."



## Words from Home Workers.

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### MAINE.

THE Woman's Missionary Society of the Cumberland Quarterly Meeting, met at White Rock, Gorham, Wednesday, October 27. A business meeting was held in the morning. Mrs. Amos Cobb, of White Rock, was chosen secretary and treasurer, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss H. A. Deering, now connected with the Normal department of Hillsdale College. A public meeting was held in the evening; opened by Scripture reading, prayer, and singing. The secretary and treasurer's report was read. A poem, "The Dying Heathen Women," was recited by Bertha Plummer; the Rev. J. W. Twort, of Lewiston, preached a stirring sermon from Isaiah xxxv., 1. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." Recitation by Millie Beck. Collection, \$4.38.

MRS. N. P. PHINNEY, *Secretary*.

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THE Woman's Missionary Society of the Main Street Church, Lewiston, met in annual meeting at the home of the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Cate, November 20, and organized for the coming year. Mrs. Prof. B. F. Hayes was elected president; Mrs. Andrews, secretary; Mrs. T. L. Angell and Mrs. L. G. Jordan, vice-presidents; Ida H. Fullonton, treasurer; Mrs. T. L. Angell, agent for the HELPER.

According to the report of the treasurer for last year, the society has received seventy-two members, and the amount contributed by the payment of membership fees was \$80.44. An effort is made each year to retain all the old members, and to secure the interest of new ones. This means work on the part of those most interested, and without such earnest work no society can long exist and prosper.

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### VERMONT.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Huntington Quarterly Meeting held a public meeting in Middlesex, Oct. 9, in connection with the Quarterly Meeting, with the following order of exercises:

Singing, by the choir; reading Scripture, by Miss Colley; prayer, by Mrs. G. B. Fuller; singing, by the choir; then listened to the report and remarks of the secretary and the report of the treasurer. Remarks were made by the president, Mrs. J. W. Burgin, and a recitation by Miss Bertha Cummings. Miss Colley read an essay. A resolution on the death of Mrs. Reed, of Starksboro', was read by the Rev. E. B. Fuller, and remarks made by Mrs. Burgin; also by the Revs. F. Reed, E. B. Fuller, L. Sargent, W. H. Lyster, and C. H. Richardson. A good collection was taken, and the exercises closed with singing and the benediction.

The meeting was interesting, and, we trust, profitable to those present.

MRS. G. B. CLIFFORD, *Secretary*.

# Children's Niche.

## Help One Another.



“HELp one another,” the  
snowflakes said  
As they cuddled down in  
their fleecy bed;

“One of us here would not be felt,  
One of us here would quickly melt;  
But I'll help you, and you help me,  
And then what a big white drift we'll  
see.”

“Help one another,” the maple spray  
Said to its fellow-leaves one day;  
“The sun would wither me here a'one,  
Long enough ere the day is gone;  
But I'll help you, and you help me,  
And then what a splendid shade  
there'll be.”

“Help one another,” the dew drop cried,  
Seeing another drop close to its side;  
“This warm south breeze would dry  
me away,  
And I should be gone ere noon to-day;  
But I'll help you, and you help me,  
And we'll make a brook and run to the  
sea.”

“Help one another,” a grain of sand  
Said to another grain just at hand;  
“The wind may carry me over the sea,

And then, oh, what will become of me?  
But come, my brother, give me your  
hand,  
We'll build a mountain and then we'll  
stand.”

“Help one another,” a penny said  
To a fellow-penny, round and red;  
“Nobody cares for me alone,  
Nobody'll care when I am gone;  
But we'll stick together, and grow in  
time  
To a nickel, or even a silver dime.”

“Help one another,” I hear the dimes  
Whisper beneath the Christmas chimes;  
“We're only little folks, but you know  
Little folks sometimes make a show;  
Ten of us, if we're good and pure,  
Equal a big round dollar, sure.”

And so the snowflakes grew to drifts,  
The grains of sand to mountains,  
The leaves became a pleasant shade,  
And dewdrops fed the fountains;  
The pennies grew to silver dimes,  
The dimes to dollars, brother;  
And children bring this Christmas gift  
By helping one another.

— *Children's Work for Children.*

## Ceylon's Isle.

It was a shady room, hung with pictures, and in a corner  
a little bed occupied just now, although it is only five in  
the afternoon.

“Mamma” says Gracie, in a tired little voice, “tell me a  
story, won't you! I've been real patient while you were  
gone. Dr. Gay was here and talked so pleasantly, nurse  
read aloud and I ate my orange and played with dolly, but



still I thought that missionary meeting would *never* let you come home!"

Mamma smiled a loving smile and laid aside her bonnet. Returning, she heard Gracie singing —

"What though the spicy breezes  
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's Isle," —

"Mamma," she broke off, "it must be pleasant to be sick there. Spicy breezes — just think!"

Mamma sighed. "Let's go and see," she said. Half an hour later Gracie whispered this prayer — "O Jesus, make me thankful enough for all you've given me!"

For mamma's words had taken her out of the pretty room, over wide oceans, to where the spicy breezes blew over Ceylon's isle. She had entered the native house and seen in the corner the pallet on which lay a boy, scarcely her age, tossing with fever. She had felt the burning heat in that close room and longed for a cooling drink, had brightened with hope at the announcement, "The doctor!" and the next minute she had shrunk back shuddering as the little sufferer cried in terror and hid his face at the sight. Not a kindly healer like her own dear doctor. No, in the doorway stood a horrid, dirty creature, his arms full of frightful images which he places around the room. The boy, urged by his mother, looks around and with a shriek falls back in a spasm. "The demon!" is the cry. An altar is raised without and covered with offerings,—opium, cocoanuts, etc. The masked priest dances in the fading light, and the child within grows weaker and weaker till there is a great cry: "He is gone!" Poor little spirit; freed at last! The priest gathers offerings and images and crying, "You sent too late to satisfy the demon," he is gone, with no word of consolation. "Mamma," says Gracie that night, "don't buy me any more oranges, please; they'd choke me—I want the money for 'Ceylon's Isle,' poor Ceylon."

A. L. G.

### How Some Missionaries Travel.

In the delightful *Pansy* for July, Pauline Root, M. D., graphically describes a *bandy* ride she took in India. It was the rainy season; she was going to visit a sick missionary thirty-eight miles away, and she had a servant with her who could speak English. She says:

"The bullocks were so frisky that I seemed in danger of losing my life. How they *did* behave! One was especially unwilling to be tied. More than once the bandy bumped down with me, and one bullock ran away up the road, leaving the other beside himself with fear.

"The river, which in the dry season is simply a bed of sand, in the rainy season is sometimes so high that bandies cannot cross, except on rafts, and sometimes not at all, because of the very swift current. On our return trip the river was nearly its full width, and was rushing along with tremendous sweep. It was not very deep, however, and I decided not to wait the river's pleasure, but to risk crossing it. It took twenty-one men to get us across that river! Pulchi, my servant, piled all my boxes on the board, which in a bandy is the bed, and he and I perched ourselves on them, balancing as best we could. One man went ahead to sound the river, two guided the bullocks' heads, two drove, eight took the wheels, five pushed, and the others steadied us; for more than once it seemed as if the current would sweep us over. However, after the first scare I felt safe, and rather enjoyed my ride. Landed on the other side of the river, the water was emptied out of the bandy, and we went on for hours through the palm tree forests and the banyan-lined avenues.

"Would you like to know the cost of getting over that river? It cost two cents a man! The roads are so muddy that we had occasionally to get help to push the bandy along. Once, in getting out of a hole, the wheel was thrown over the bank of a tank. The driver did not dare try going on with me inside, so I crawled out over the wheel. We were thirteen hours in making the thirty-eight miles."

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### What One Band has Done.

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THE Children's Mission Band of the Stevens Avenue Free Baptist Church Sunday School, of Minneapolis, Minn., was organized April 2, 1886, and has held twenty-seven meetings with an average attendance of fourteen.

The officers for the present quarter are: president,

Katie Branham ; vice-president, Florence Ritchie ; secretary, Dottie Smith ; treasurer, Anna Swartz.

We have had one public meeting and one sociable, and the amount received and collected was \$11.50, which was forwarded to the Rev. Mr. Given, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Society.

The value of the articles made and contributed by the band and sent to Mrs. Bacheler, missionary to India, was \$6.00, which with \$2.50 retained in the society makes a total of \$20.00, as the fruit of our labors for the past six months.

DOTTIE SMITH, *Secretary.*

## Contributions.

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 1, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1886.

### MAINE.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Augusta, Church, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage, and L. M. of Mrs. J. B. Jordan.....  | \$25 00 |
| East Corinth, Church, for Miss Butts' salary.....   | 5 00    |
| East Livermore, Auxiliary, one-half each H. M. and F. M. ..   | 9 16    |
| Gray, Church, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.....   | 5 00    |
| Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parker, 50c.; Mrs. J. Mower, 25c.; Mrs. N. Hodgkins, 20c.; Mrs. C. Hodgkins, 10c.; Jennie Baty, 10c.; Ely Hodgkins, 10c., for Miss Butts' outfit and passage..... | 1 25    |
| Hanover, Children's Mission Circle, for Miss Butts' salary....  | 50      |
| Hallowell, Auxiliary, for Eva with Miss Coombs, for L. M. Mrs. M. Sanford.....  | 25 00   |
| Lewiston, Auxiliary, Main Street, 47c. Incidental Fund.....   | 26 79   |
| Lewiston, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Morrow, 50c.; Mrs. S. I. Royal, 25c., for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.....  | 75      |
| Lisbon Falls, Church, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.....   | 2 50    |
| Lisbon Falls, Auxiliary, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.....  | 7 50    |
| Waterville, Mrs. C. E. Mitchell, for outfit and passage of Miss B.....  | 4 00    |
| West Buxton, Auxiliary, for F. M.....   | 4 25    |

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Alton, Mrs. Lucy Y. Thompson,

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|---|--------|
| her last gift, one-half each H. M. and F. M.....  | 2 00   |
| Bristol, Mission Band, for teacher with Mrs. Smith.....   | 25 00  |
| Bow Lake, Auxiliary.....  | 11 00  |
| Center Sandwich, Mrs. Ira Wallace and Mrs. Isabel Smith, each \$5.00, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.....   | 10 00  |
| Center Sandwich, Auxiliary, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage, \$5.00; Mrs. Lightner's salary, \$5.00; general work, \$2.66; and toward L. M. Mrs. J. W. Scribner..... | 12 66  |
| Center Sandwich, Young People's Society, for Bible teacher with Miss I. Phillips, \$4.00; and for Miss Butts' outfit and passage, \$5.00.....                           | 9 00   |
| Danville, "Golden Rule Workers," for zenana teacher at Balasore.....  | 15 00  |
| Fremont, Church, collection by Mrs. R. J. Rich, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.....   | 5 00   |
| Holderness, Church.....   | 75     |
| Jackson, Church.....  | 7 50   |
| Jackson, Dolly Hazelton.....  | 1 00   |
| Jackson, Jane Hazelton.....   | 1 00   |
| Lisbon Q. M., Auxiliary, new collection.....  | 4 50   |
| New Durham, Q. M., Auxiliary, collection.....   | 10 00  |
| New Hampton, present and former teachers and students of New Hampton Institute, for Miss Butts' salary.....   | 101 50 |
| New Hampton, Auxiliary, for Miss Butts' salary.....   | 3 50   |
| North Sandwich, Auxiliary, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.....  | 6 00   |

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| Raymond, Church, collection by Sarah Fullonton, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.... | 4 00  |
| Sandwich, Q. M., Auxiliary, collection, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.....        | 26 54 |
| Water Village, Church, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage....                          | 10 00 |
| Wolfboro', Church, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage..                                | 5 00  |

## VERMONT.

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|---|-------|
| Corinth, Q. M., collection, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....  | 3 00  |
| East Randolph, Church, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....   | 2 00  |
| East Williamston, Auxiliary, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....   | 1 50  |
| Huntington, Q. M., Auxiliary, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....  | 15 00 |
| North Danville, Mrs. W. I. Stanton, \$1.00; Mrs. I. A. Stanton, \$1.00; a friend, 25c.; for Miss Butts' outfit and passage. . . | 2 25  |
| Y. M., collection, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....   | 8 00  |
| Washington, Auxiliary, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....   | 1 75  |
| West Topsham, Auxiliary, for Mrs. Smith's salary . . . . .  | 5 00  |
| Wheelock, Q. M., churches, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....   | 19 00 |

## MASSACHUSETTS.

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| East Somerville, Auxiliary, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage, and on L. M. of Mrs. C. S. Frost . . . . .             | 4 00  |
| Lowell, Church, Mt. Vernon, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage.  | 20 00 |
| Lowell, Auxiliary, Paige Street Church; this with amounts previously received supports Industrial School for the year. | 12 75 |

## NEW YORK.

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Brooklyn, class of girls, Hooper Street Church, for outfit and passage of Miss Butts..... | 5 00  |
| West Oneonta, Auxiliary, for supply of Phulmoni's place with Miss Coombs.....             | 10 00 |

## MICHIGAN.

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| Berrien Center, Auxiliary, one-half each H. M. and F. M. . .   | 4 21  |
| Cass and Berrien, Q. M., general work.....                     | 6 70  |
| Holton and White River, Auxiliary, for general work.....       | 12 61 |
| Paw Paw, Martin Erkenbeck, for Miss Butts' outfit and passage. | 1 00  |
| Van Buren Q. M., Auxiliary, for F. M.....                      | 7 34  |

## MINNESOTA.

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|---|-------|
| Castle Rock, Auxiliary, school once in charge of Roumani... | 18 00 |
| Mapleton, a friend, for salary of Miss Coombs.....          | 26 00 |
| Rushmore, Auxiliary, for F. M..                             | 4 36  |

## KANSAS.

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|---|------|
| Spring Hill, Mrs. C. Nesselrode, for F. M . . . . . | 2 00 |
| Washington Co., Q. M., Auxiliary, for home work..   | 1 47 |

## NEBRASKA.

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| Clear Water, G. W. Thompson.. | 50 |
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## MISCELLANEOUS

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|---|----------|
| Collection at Board Meeting at Marion, O., for Incidental Fund..... | 98       |
| Total.....  | \$582 07 |

NOTE.—"Merry Workers," of Rochester, N. H., have contributed \$6.00 for Purna's children; Mrs. Mary Bradley, Kinderhook, Mich., \$10.00 for Industrial School at Balasore, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

CORRECTIONS.—Credit to Auxiliary, Society Strafford, Vt., in August receipts should be \$5.00. Every item in October HELPER under Indiana, after Lagrange, should be Michigan.

LAURA A. DeMERITTE, *Treas.*

DOVER, N. H.

## OHIO ASSOCIATION.

## Receipts for October.

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|---|--------|
| Class of Boys, Marion Sunday School, for Nellie Phillips' Industrial.....   | \$3 50 |
| Claridon Church, for Literature Fund . . . . .                              | 5 00   |
| H. R. Bolander, Marion, O. F. M., 40c.; H. M., 40c.; Ed. Soc., 20c. . . . . | 1 00   |
| Marion, Auxiliary, F. M., \$2 76; H. M., \$2 76; Ed. Soc., \$1.38           | 6 90   |

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| Grand Prairie, Auxiliary, F. M., \$11.43; H. M., \$11.43; Ed. Soc., \$5 71..... | \$28 57 |
| Sparta, Penn., Auxiliary, for outfit and passage of missionaries, F. M.....     | 8 50    |
| Total.....  | \$53 47 |

MRS. H. J. COE, *Treas.*

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 4, 1886.

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# Thirteenth Annual Meeting.

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## Minutes.

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THE Woman's Missionary Society met, according to call, in the vestry of the Free Baptist Church in Marion, O., October 14, at three o'clock, P. M., and consonant to the expressed wish of those present to listen to the Conference sermon, a motion was adopted to adjourn till two o'clock Friday afternoon.

### *Adjourned Meeting.*

The Society convened according to adjournment and was called to order by Mrs. Burlingame. Mrs. Keith of Minnesota offered prayer. The records of the year were read and such portion as had not been was approved. The records of the Board of Managers for the year were read and indorsed by a vote of the Society. The reading of the report of the Treasurer, which had been adopted by the Board, was deferred till the public meeting, also the reports of the Home and Corresponding Secretaries.

Miss DeMeritte who was last year authorized to work as she had opportunity among the churches, Quarterly Meetings, and Yearly Meetings, for the systematizing and extension of the work, reported briefly. The report was adopted. Mrs. Keith, chairman of the Western Home Mission committee, reported not only very cheering work in the way of seed-sowing, but already most encouraging prospects of a rich harvest. She was followed by Mrs. McKenney who spoke of her hesitating entrance upon the work of organizing, the leadings into it, and the blessings added thereto. Then briefly detailing her work among the churches since the first of March, she said the devotional exercises and spirit were a prominent feature of the meetings, and those among whom she had worked were waiting and eager to welcome the opportunity for active service. She reported as organized two Yearly Meeting, six Quarterly Meeting, and a large number of Auxiliary societies.

A question relative to the four pages added to the Mis-



SIONARY HELPER during the past year was brought before the society by the following resolution :

WHEREAS, What American women are to heathen women depends upon what they *are*, for only by developing their highest spiritual womanhood can they truly help others, and consequently a healthy growth of "woman's work for woman" depends upon this development, therefore

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our interest in, and appreciation of, any effort which may be made by the MISSIONARY HELPER, local, Quarterly Meeting, or state Society, and by the Woman's Bureau at Ocean Park, Me., to promote Christian culture which shall recognize the physical and mental life in their sacred relations to the spiritual, which shall lift woman to her highest privileges.

A long discussion followed, nearly all of which was in harmony with the resolution, and resulted in its adoption.

It was voted, That a committee of five on nomination be appointed by the chair. The report of the publication committee was read by its chairman, Mrs. E. H. Andrews, and was adopted. The report of the agent of the MISSIONARY HELPER was presented by Mrs. Brewster. It was adopted.

The chair announced as committee on nominations : Mrs. Wade of Maine, Mrs. Keith of Minnesota, Mrs. Wood of New Hampshire, Mrs. Winsor of Michigan, Mrs. Gerrish of Rhode Island.

For committee on resolutions : Miss DeMeritte of New Hampshire, Mrs. Bachelder of Michigan, Mrs. Brewster of Rhode Island, Miss Dunn of Michigan, Mrs. Osgood of Maine.

Mrs. Andrews, agent for the sale of *Missionary Reminiscences*, called the attention of the ladies to the book, to the worth of it in itself, and to us and our work ; other appreciative remarks followed.

A motion to adjourn till two o'clock Saturday was received and sustained. Prayer by Mrs. H. F. Wood.

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*Saturday P. M.*

The Society convened according to adjournment, for a meeting of conference and inquiry. Prayer was offered by Miss Nettie Dunn. Minutes of the meeting of Friday were read and approved. The President stated the purpose of the meeting to be for the hearing of reports, for interchange



of thought, and statement of methods pursued in the several sections, and invited all to speak freely. It was suggested that the states be represented in order. Mrs. Wade of Maine, was called for and presented plans adopted in the Penobscot Yearly Meeting; questions followed indicative of much desire of acquaintance with all methods. Mrs. Osgood of New Hampshire, felt that their work, in the light of the knowledge received of the western work, had assumed smaller proportions. From Vermont, no representative was present. Mrs. Andrews of Rhode Island, spoke especially of the systematic method pursued in raising funds for the work assumed by that Association Society; first by assuming a basis sufficient to do the work, then apportioning the same among the Auxiliaries or churches, they in turn becoming responsible for that amount. Mrs. Clark of the same state, president of the Young People's Society of the Roger Williams Church, gave in brief some idea of the effort put forth to sustain the interest and raise funds in that society, not the least of them being the fostering of social interest among its members. Miss DeMeritte followed with emphasis on the thought of the young men and young women working together. Mrs. Brewster made reference to some happy conversions known to have resulted from the connection of young people with missionary societies. She also suggested value to be gained if each Yearly Meeting Society should have its own secretary's and treasurer's reports, and minutes of annual meeting printed for circulation within its own limits. The need of an Incidental Fund for local work was emphasized.

Mrs. McKoon of the Central Association was called for, and said many of the churches were not interested, others were organized and working with the Foreign Mission Board. Ohio, also working with the Foreign Mission Board in supporting Dr. Nellie Phillips, was represented by Mrs. Drake, who said they were seeking to inspire and sustain an interest among the children. Mrs. Reeder, also of Ohio, known to many through the *HELPER*, as the organizer of the Quilting Army, gave practical hints on how to interest the children and mothers as well. Mrs. Burlingame here voiced a happy welcome to the little girls present. Mrs. McKoon alluded to the making of birthday offerings. A letter from the St. Joseph's Valley Yearly

Meeting, sent hearty greeting and prayer for blessing upon our united work, expressed deep interest of some in the work, but regretted the indifference too prevalent in the churches. Mrs. Bachelder of Michigan, reported much visiting among the churches for organizing. Miss Dunn suggested, by illustration, in response to the regrets of several because of the failure to get reports, that they keep "eternally" at it, until secretaries are glad to respond.

In Iowa the work had been retarded by the sickness of Mrs. Mitchell, President of that Yearly Meeting Society. Mrs. Marshall reported the Wisconsin societies as working with interest, contributing to the Coldren Fund, and disbursed by the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. Williams of Nebraska, referred feelingly to our relation to Mrs. Cooley of Kenesaw, also of the determination in that state that the work shall not fail. Mrs. McKenney of Minnesota, cheered and inspired every heart as she told of the wonderful progress in Minnesota, and by the confidence she evinced in the permanency of the work. In Kansas, where two months since there was not one woman's missionary society, there are now thirteen organizations and auxiliaries in more than half our churches in the state. A suggestion with reference to a quilt was brought before the ladies, but the hour for adjournment had arrived and its consideration was deferred. After singing, adjournment was made to the public meeting Monday evening.

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*Anniversary.*

The devotional services were led by the Rev. Miss L. A. Brennan of Poland, New York, who read a scripture lesson from Isaiah ii, and offered prayer. After singing by the congregation, the President, Mrs. Burlingame, read her annual address, giving a brief retrospective glance at the first ten years of organic life of the Society, calling especial attention to the forces of progress which have developed during the past three years. Singing of "All hail the power of Jesus' name." The Treasurer then gave a condensed statement of the financial work of the year. Mrs. Keith of Minnesota, read the report of the Western Home Mission Committee. Extracts of the report of the Corresponding Secretary, were read by Mrs. Davis. The reports of the Home Secretaries, by Mrs. Bachelder. The report of the

editor of the *MISSIONARY HELPER* was presented by Mrs. Brewster. Mrs. A. A. McKenney, president of the Minnesota Yearly Meeting society, was then introduced and spoke of the abundant reward and success attained in the work of organization in Minnesota and Kansas. Mrs. E. H. Andrews, agent elect of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, was introduced, that all might look into the face of their future co-laborer seeking the material welfare of our magazine; she spoke earnestly, soliciting the coöperation of all in supplementing her work by efforts to secure a wider circulation, setting the standard at five thousand subscribers for the ensuing year. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ada Kennan. The meeting adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning, and closed with singing the doxology, and the benediction by the Rev. I. D. Stewart.

*Tuesday Morning.*

The Society came to order a few minutes after the hour appointed, Vice-President Mrs. Wade in the chair. Prayer by Miss Dunn. It was voted: That the reports be printed supplementary to the *MISSIONARY HELPER*. The committee on nominations submitted their report. Before the first nomination went to vote, Mrs. Burlingame, having been appointed editor of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, in place of Mrs. Brewster (resigned), after thanking the society for their continued honor, said she felt that it was not best that she serve longer in this capacity, and requested to be excused from further service. The resignation was accepted, and this part of the report referred back to the committee. Other officers were then elected as follows: (see page 2 of report.) Miss DeMeritte spoke of the work of the Woman's Bureau of Ocean Park, and requested the ladies to signify whether it be their pleasure to have a meeting in the interests of the work of the Bureau. It was voted: That we meet at half-past nine Wednesday morning, to complete any unfinished business and give attention to these interests.

The Nominating Committee reported for President, Mrs. J. Burnham Davis. The report was accepted, and Mrs. Davis elected. Mrs. Burlingame was elected a member of the Board of Managers. The Committee on Resolutions submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

In view of the evidences of progress in woman's work

among us since the last General Conference, and as an encouragement and help for the future, we present the following resolutions:

I. *Resolved*, That we assure our missionaries of our sisterly love, of Christian sympathy, of appreciation of the energy with which they carry on the work; that we ask God to lead them in the green pastures and beside the still waters of His love, giving unto them for what they sacrifice in earthly wealth and honor, the riches of His grace and the greatness which is divine. *Resolved*, that while we pray for them and send them words of love and encouragement, we will not forget that deeds prove best our love to them and God.

II. *Resolved*, That since our experience proves that "organization is power," we extend our cordial greetings to all new organizations, and would encourage the formation of others in localities where they do not exist. Also, that we gratefully recognize the work of our sister, Mrs. B. F. McKenney, through whose tireless energy and self-sacrifice, many new societies have been organized within the last few months, and that we recommend that others who can do so will enter upon the work of organizing new societies.

III. Realizing that the MISSIONARY HELPER is an essential aid in the missionary work of the denomination be it *Resolved*, That we pledge to it our continued support; that we call on all the women of our denomination to give their best thought for its pages and their persevering efforts for its circulation; that we recognize the efficiency of its past management, and assure those to whom it is to be committed of our constant sympathy and prayers.

IV. *Resolved*, That in view of the fact that so much money is contributed for zenana teachers, Bible women, and schools, and so little for the other departments of the work, we urge our auxiliaries to devote their contributions, not already pledged, to the work at Harper's Ferry, the Western Department, the salaries of missionaries, or to the General work.

V. *Resolved*, That since interest in any subject is proportionate to the intelligence regarding that subject, we recommend the insertion in the HELPER of a programme, consisting of questions and answers and suggestive topics, for the use of auxiliaries in their monthly meetings.

VI. *Resolved*, That it is our conviction that no more valuable or attractive work has yet appeared in our Free Baptist literature than *Missionary Reminiscences*, by Mrs. M. M. H. Hills. Its circulation should be greatly increased through special agencies and individual effort.

VII. *Resolved*, That another edition of the Manual be published under the care of the Publication Committee.

VIII. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Literature Fund, so necessary to the work of giving information and stimulus to duty, be a regular object of contribution in all our various societies, to the extent at least of five cents per member annually, and also that special contributions be taken therefor from time to time.

IX. *Resolved*, That we congratulate the women of the Christian denomination on their recent efforts to advance the cause of missions; pray God's richest blessing to rest upon them, and trust that we may yet be more closely united in our service for others.

X. In the broad field of woman's work for the uplifting of humanity, no fellowship is more sacred, or binds the hearts of the workers more closely together than that which comes from effort to send the blessings of the gospel to heathen lands. Therefore, *Resolved*, that we send to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which convenes in annual session at Providence, R. I., the present week, our congratulations for the work which they have been enabled to do, and appoint a delegate to bear to them our Christian greeting.

XI. *Resolved*, That we extend our hearty thanks to the editors of the *Morning Star* for publishing the receipts of our society each month, and in various ways stimulating our workers to increased missionary zeal.

XII. *Resolved*, That we thank the editor of the *Free Baptist* for his helpful words through the columns of that paper concerning the Woman's Missionary Society, and especially for the column which has been devoted to the interest of our societies in the west, whose reports have been of great assistance to all who have read them.

XIII. *Resolved*, That we hold in grateful remembrance the toil and sacrifice and self-giving of our early missionaries, and that with tender regard we remember our sister, Mrs. H. D. Cooley, and send to her our sympathy as we recognize the loss which she sustains in the absence of her



husband, — both so long valuable missionaries in our India field. We pray that God's love and care may be very manifest to her, and that she may still be useful in His cause as she waits for the Master to say, "Child, come home."

XIV. Realizing the fact that there remain upon our board of officers to-day but two of the representatives of the Female Mission Society, Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, and Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, *Resolved*, That we extend to them our cordial greetings, while we appreciate the pioneer work that they did, and that there comes to us an inspiration from the devotion of these long continued workers, which holds us their debtors.

Mrs. Davis, the newly elected president, was introduced, and after a few pleasant words took the chair. In response to the resolution, Mrs. M. M. Brewster was appointed delegate to the convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Davis requested the ladies to remain after adjournment for a season of prayer. Adjourned according to previous vote.

*Wednesday.*

The society assembled according to adjournment, Mrs. Davis in the chair. Prayer by Mrs. Osgood. Mrs. Clark resigned as chairman of the publication committee, and Mrs. Arthur Given was appointed.

It was voted, That Mrs. Brewster be made a special contributor to the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, the same to be noticed in the *HELPER*.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, Our dear sister, Mrs. E. S. Burlingame, President of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, is called to another position of trust,

*Resolved*, That we express to her our appreciation of the womanly dignity with which she has presided at our meetings, and the Christian tact shown in adjusting difficult matters.

*Resolved*, That we prove to her our continued memory of these long and faithful services by hearty coöperation in her future work, and earnest prayers for its success.

A lesson from the Normal Bible Course for children, as taught at Ocean Park under the auspices of the Woman's Bureau, was presented and the advisability of teaching it in Bands somewhat discussed. After prayer the meeting adjourned. A. B. TOURTELLOTT, *Recording Secretary*.



## Report of Foreign Secretary.

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THE years fly apace. Another annual greeting comes to us from the busy workers, who on India's fertile soil are dropping the seed of the Kingdom; and also from the no less busy ones of our own home land, laboring for the elevation of a race, whose wrongs none but God can adequately measure.

Though but a mere glimpse of the year's work may be gained by these reports, yet, reading between the lines, we may, perchance, have some idea of the constant watchfulness and patience needed, amid the exhausting routine of daily duties, to counteract, even slightly, the superstitions of centuries, and accomplish results, which, however small they may seem to the anxious toilers, are large indeed, when the obstacles to be surmounted are considered.

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### INDIA.

#### BALASORE.—ZENANAS.

Miss Hattie Phillips writes: There has been a slow but sure increase during the year in the number of pupils taught, so that instead of eighty, as at the close of last year, the total now numbers more than one hundred and twenty; and my monthly visit to each pupil shows a degree of earnestness on the part of pupil and teacher that is most gratifying. Though I regret that I cannot report a more general spirit of inquiry in regard to the religion we teach, yet there has been fruit, and there is promise of far more. If the spirit of inquiry is not rife, neither is that of opposition. I know of but one pupil who has dropped her lessons during the year, because religious instruction is made a condition of our work. The fact that a child, as soon as she is married, although she may remain years in her father's house, becomes subject to her mother-in-law, has been a frequent cause of trouble in the past. The child wants to learn, and her parents are willing she should, but the mother-in-law steps in and says imperiously, "Is my daughter-in-law going to put a quill behind her ear and become a government servant, that she needs to learn reading and writing? No, she shall not read, she must learn

to cook rice." The parents stand helplessly back, and say, "Her mother-in-law has forbidden it, what more can we do?" And poor little "Bo" is doomed to life-long darkness. Occasionally, it is the husband who objects, and then not infrequently the "Bo" takes her lessons secretly, with a sort of tacit understanding between the two that nothing will be said, if he does not see her at her lessons; but if, on some unlucky day, his rice is not properly cooked his wrath bursts out afresh against the hated lessons, and for a few days "Bo" bends to the storm, waiting till its fury is spent, to call back her teacher, and resume her transparent deception. These forms of opposition, however, are gradually disappearing among us.

It is not a matter of surprise that the women of the land, taught from childhood to regard themselves but a trifle above the dumb brutes, should show little eagerness for spiritual truths. Nor can I wonder that many times when told of the love that brought a Saviour from Heaven to earth, that they might share with Him eternal blessedness, they are as unbelieving as were the disciples when told of the risen Lord.

One cause for sincere gratitude let me not fail to mention, the generosity of friends both here and at home, supplemented by government aid, has furnished all needed funds for the work of the year.

**MONEYS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FROM JUNE 30, 1885, TO JUNE 30, 1886.**

|  | DR. |    |    | Cr. |    |    |
|--|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|
|  | Rs  | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
| To teachers salaries.....                        | 465 | 7  | 1  |     |    |    |
| " locomotion.....                                | 169 | 11 | 1  |     |    |    |
| " support of child in orphanage 7 1-2 months.... | 15  | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |
| " two school benches.....                        | 8   | 8  | 0  |     |    |    |
| " prizes, etc.....                               | 12  | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |
| " balance in hand.....                           | 299 | 6  | 1  |     |    |    |
| By balance in hand July 1, 1885.....             |     |    |    | 6   | 9  | 9  |
| " Government grant in aid.....                   |     |    |    | 300 | 0  | 0  |
| " Special local grant.....                       |     |    |    | 80  | 0  | 0  |
| " Local subscription.....                        |     |    |    | 247 | 0  | 0  |
| " Fees from pupils.....                          |     |    |    | 63  | 1  | 3  |
| " Woman's Society.....                           |     |    |    | 266 | 2  | 2  |
| " Net proceeds of wool.....                      |     |    |    | 7   | 3  | 1  |
|  | 970 | 0  | 3  | 970 | 0  | 3  |

**BALASORE — CHANGES — NEW WORK.**

Miss Ida Phillips reports: During the past year, several changes have occurred in the work, the first of which was the uniting of three schools in one. I was so fortunate as to secure a central site for building a house, and two young men for teachers, who seem to possess a large amount of influence among the parents of the children, hence there have been collected into a good sized comfortable house, a third more children than we formerly had in the three schools, all of which were held in dark, crowded quarters. In connection with this school, is held our largest Sabbath School. When moved into the new house, its numbers increased largely, so that my sister and I worked in it together. For the past two months, she has taken entire charge, leaving me free to care for the two new Sunday Schools.

The next change was to close a school which had for months been nothing but a source of anxiety and dissatisfaction. The fault was largely the teacher's, although the people of the place were more stolid and nonprogressive than common. The number of pupils was very small, and as the young man employed lived in the village, and had sufficient influence to break up the school should another teacher be put in his place, it was thought best to close it entirely for a time.

The third change was the giving to Mrs. Smith of the Christian girls' school. In this school the attendance and work done has been about the same as in former years. Under the head of new work comes one day school, two Sunday Schools, and a Children's Mission Society. The first is for very low caste children, so low indeed, that they are not allowed to touch the higher caste children, or sit on the same seat with them. It was a young Brahmin who opened this school for me, and encouraged the people to finish at once the little house they were building for young men, who met for games of an evening, that during the day it might be used for a schoolroom. A Christian teacher has the charge of it, and so far has done well.

Of the two Sunday Schools, one was opened two months since, by the request of one of my day school teachers. She had spoken to the mothers of several of her pupils, and they had appeared not only willing, but eager to have a service.

This school has proved very interesting. The second new Sunday School, was opened by the united request of the pupils and their Hindu teacher of another day school. This teacher, a young Brahmin, who when first employed rather objected teaching the Bible catechism, seems to have quite forgotten his scruples, and has not only become one of my most energetic teachers, but listens attentively to the Bible stories told the children.

The Children's Mission Society, opened some seven months ago, has now twenty-seven members, among whom a good interest prevails. Most of the children have faithfully paid their dues. Among some features of the work that have been especially encouraging, is this, that one of the schools has stood first among all of its kind in the district, three of its pupils having passed first, second, and third, respectively, in the Primary Scholarship examination. The girl who stood first, received a scholarship from the government, and with the other two, goes on with her studies. Another sign of growth has been seen among the native Christian teachers. Besides the religious instruction given regularly in the school, two or three of them have taken occasion to have personal conversation with the girls, urging them to practice what they learn, and pray to God for strength to do his will. The result of this personal work on the part of teachers, has been most gratifying, a number of the pupils having given up their idols, and are learning to pray to the true God.

Building the new school-house was quite a tax upon my funds, but I shall get on very well now it is done, and I hope to open another school soon, as my municipal grant has been increased from six rupees to twelve rupees per month. I hope, also, to have a little more from the general government. Our magistrate has been well pleased with the school, and very heartily sanctioned my request for increase of government aid. I am daily looking for a reply from the educational headquarters.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1885-6.

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| No. of Schools .....             | 6   |
| " " Houses .....                 | 5   |
| " " Teachers .....               | 10  |
| " " Boys .....                   | 20  |
| " " Girls .....                  | 218 |
| Total No. of pupils .....        | 238 |
| Sunday School among Hindus ..... | 3   |
| Scholars in the above .....      | 170 |

MISS I. O. PHILLIPS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. W. B. WOMAN'S  
MISSION SOCIETY FOR 1885-6.

|  | Cr.  |    |    | Dr.  |    |    |
|--|------|----|----|------|----|----|
|  | Rs.  | A. | P. | Rs.  | A. | P. |
| By teachers.....                                   | 1048 | 7  | 2  |      |    |    |
| " conveyances.....                                 | 256  | 12 | 1  |      |    |    |
| " building and repairs.....                        | 205  | 5  | 2  |      |    |    |
| " books.....                                       | 129  | 2  | 1  |      |    |    |
| " furniture for schools — maps, benches, etc.....  | 73   | 11 | 1  |      |    |    |
| " prizes.....                                      | 150  | 10 | 0  |      |    |    |
| " materials for Industrial.....                    | 18   | 14 | 2  |      |    |    |
| " sundries.....                                    | 13   | 9  | 0  |      |    |    |
| To annual appropriation from W. M. S.....          |      |    |    | 710  | 4  | 0  |
| " government.....                                  |      |    |    | 459  | 0  | 0  |
| " Balasore municipality.....                       |      |    |    | 90   | 0  | 0  |
| " funds for prizes.....                            |      |    |    | 107  | 4  | 0  |
| " books sold.....                                  |      |    |    | 105  | 2  | 0  |
| " government grant for furniture.....              |      |    |    | 64   | 0  | 0  |
| " Grand Ledge, (Mich.) Auxiliary for building..... |      |    |    | 86   | 10 | 2  |
| " Hillsdale Band, (Mich.).....                     |      |    |    | 72   | 8  | 0  |
| " Pike Band, (N. Y.) for Gouri.....                |      |    |    | 20   | 5  | 2  |
| " Bowdoinham Band, (Me.), for furniture.....       |      |    |    | 26   | 12 | 0  |
| " Waupau, Wis.), Auxiliary for teachers.....       |      |    |    | 26   | 2  | 0  |
| " Industrial work sold.....                        |      |    |    | 26   | 0  | 0  |
| " balance of last years' account.....              |      |    |    | 92   | 3  | 1  |
| Deficit .....                                      | 1896 | 8  | 1  | 1886 | 3  | 1  |
|  |      |    |    | 10   | 5  | 0  |
|  |      |    |    | 1986 | 8  | 1  |

BALASORE.— THE GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

Mrs. Smith reports: While attending to our usual work in the school, and looking, as best we could, after the schools and Bible work at Jelasore, we have been trying to get our new home as comfortable as possible, before the setting in of the rains. This might have been more fully accomplished, had there been more money in the purse; but we have great reason for thankfulness that so much is already done.

One more from the Orphanage, dear little Gracie, has passed on before us to the home above. Our good faithful matron has also gone, and the infant child of the head pundit of the Jelasore school. The death of these was caused by the fever contracted at Jelasore. We hoped the change to this place, with good medical treatment, would enable them to throw it off. I am glad to say that all the others seem in a fair way of recovery, and most of the

children are now able to attend school daily. They go to the Christian village school, which was until recently superintended by Miss Ida Phillips, but now, as it is thought best for the Orphanage girls to attend it, it is under my care. I have raised it to the same grade as that of the girls' school at Jelasore, and have found it necessary to add one more teacher to its staff. To meet this increased expense, I have as yet no funds, but remembering the promise, "My God shall supply all your need," am confidently expecting its fulfillment.

There is much less of anxious care in connection with the Orphanage here, than in Jelasore. The moral tone of the Christian community is higher, and our place is more retired. The locality is healthy, and medical aid close at hand. The Industrial department, which has been enlarged by the addition of the girls belonging to the Christian villages around Balasore, can be carried on to much better advantage here. We have as much work as can be done, from ladies who send in orders, and the remuneration is sufficient to enable us to supply the Orphanage with some needful articles, while it also helps us in buying books for the poor children of the Christian community. Two of the Bible women of whom I have charge, work here; two at Jelasore, one at Bāripadā, and one at Bhadrak. At the latter place the work is under the supervision of Mrs. Col-dren. At Bāripadā, Ella Curtis, the Bible woman, has an assistant to go out with her, as we do not send one alone.

The Christian day schools and also the Hindu girls' schools at Jelasore, are superintended to the best of our ability, and there is much that is hopeful concerning them. The school passed a very good examination, four out of six candidates obtaining Government certificates. The two who failed were girls whose studies were constantly interrupted by fever. The last day of the examination, when the prizes were given, all the village schools came in, and as this examination was a general one, Government having made Jelasore a centre, many pundits brought their pupils long distances to attend it. The heathen pundits, who brought only boys were astonished at the progress made in our girls' schools, both in books and needle work. We were indeed thankful for this opportunity of showing what can be done in the cause of female education.



The fever that I have suffered more or less from since my first rainy season in Jelasore, was so severe during the last rains, that rest and change seemed imperatively necessary. Therefore, leaving the school in charge of Mrs. Martyn, the assistant, I went away the last of September and remained until the middle of November.

There is much to encourage us in our work. Though it is still a time of seed-sowing, yet now and then our eyes are gladdened by seeing some one ready to accept the Christ we try to carry to them.

ACCOUNT FROM JULY 1, 1885, TO JUNE 30, 1886.

|   | DR.   |    |    | CR.   |    |    |
|---|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
|   | Rs.   | A. | P. | Rs.   | A. | P. |
| To Cash 1st quarter's remittance .....                          | 792   | 6  | 0  |       |    |    |
| " 2d       "       " .....                                      | 200   | 6  | 3  |       |    |    |
| " 3d       "       " .....                                      | 133   | 10 | 10 |       |    |    |
| " 4th       "       " .....                                     | 134   | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
| " From Miss Phillips, for child named<br>Prentee .....          | 13    | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
| " From Miss Ida Phillips, for Christian<br>Village school ..... | 27    | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
| " Government grant for same .....                               | 33    | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
| " Jelasore ragged schools .....                                 | 26    | 15 | 6  |       |    |    |
| " Paka Dale's school .....                                      | 16    | 3  | 0  |       |    |    |
| " Books sold .....  | 12    | 8  | 3  |       |    |    |
| " For work done by school .....                                 | 26    | 12 | 0  |       |    |    |
| " Fees from Jelasore school .....                               | 11    | 6  | 0  |       |    |    |
| " Donations .....   | 100   | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
| " Received from New Brunswick Woman's<br>Board .....            | 802   | 11 | 0  |       |    |    |
| By Cash paid Mrs. Martyn's salary .....                         |       |    |    | 330   | 0  | 0  |
| " " to teachers .....   |       |    |    | 299   | 6  | 10 |
| " " for children .....  |       |    |    | 120   | 0  | 0  |
| " " for industrial department .....                             |       |    |    | 51    | 10 | 8  |
| " " for carriage hire .....                                     |       |    |    | 118   | 4  | 0  |
| " " from New Brunswick fund as per<br>account .....             |       |    |    | 802   | 11 | 0  |
| Last year's balance .....                                       |       |    |    | 26    | 15 | 2  |
| Present balance .....   | 19    | 0  | 4  |       |    |    |
|   | 1,748 | 15 | 8  | 1,748 | 15 | 8  |

|   |     |    |   |     |    |   |
|---|-----|----|---|-----|----|---|
| To received .....                       | 802 | 11 | 0 |     |    |   |
| By expended for New Brunswick W. Board: |     |    |   |     |    |   |
| For teacher's salaries .....            |     |    |   | 144 | 8  | 3 |
| " Ratino salary and room rent .....     |     |    |   | 72  | 0  | 0 |
| " support of Basudeb .....              |     |    |   | 30  | 0  | 0 |
| " " " Yebe .....                        |     |    |   | 36  | 0  | 0 |
| " " " two girls .....                   |     |    |   | 60  | 0  | 0 |
| " carriage hire .....                   |     |    |   | 26  | 9  | 6 |
| " books, prizes, etc. .....             |     |    |   | 57  | 7  | 0 |
| " Mrs. Martyn's salary .....            |     |    |   | 330 | 0  | 0 |
| " last year's balance .....             |     |    |   | 52  | 2  | 3 |
|   | 802 | 11 | 0 | 802 | 11 | 0 |

## BHIMPORE.

Mrs. Burkholder writes: Our regular work for the women and children has been carried on as usual. Six women have been employed the most of the time, as circumstances would permit. Five of these have been visiting the villages within reach of this place and of Gorisole, where we have a small church. One woman has had charge of the Industrial department of the girls' school. Each Tuesday morning we have a Bible lesson for the teachers as well as the older girls from the day school. In the afternoon we have a sewing society for the women.

During the most of the year, there has been a daily Bible lesson, with three classes from the primary department of our day school. The little ones have made pleasing progress in their studies. For an hour every Sabbath afternoon, there has been a children's meeting for both Christian and heathen. As a rule, this service has been well attended, the children themselves going out to bring in others. From time to time one and another of these children have been received into Christ's fold.

Our girls' day school has gone on as usual. Some additions have been made to its number, while others have left. One girl, ten or eleven years of age, who has attended school for two or three years, has been kept at home to be married. The Santal marriage customs show themselves in this case. This little girl has a brother and sister, who having reached the marriageable age, the parents sent out their match-makers to find a suitable wife for the son, and husbands for the daughters. As the wife must be bought, in order to find the necessary means for the purchase, the two daughters were first sold. Weddings in this country, mean something. The feasting, dancing, drinking, and music, are continued from three to eight days, to the great annoyance of all lovers of quiet. All friends of humanity will rejoice to know that there is a movement among the high caste Hindus to stop this curse of child marriage, which all admit to be one of the greatest social evils of the land. Greater cruelty was seldom, if ever, inflicted on poor innocent childhood, than by this custom. The increased desire among the Begalis for a higher education for their daughters, is doing much towards breaking down the system of child marriage.

We are very thankful for the help the Woman's Society has rendered our work, and hope it may be able to continue it. We are rejoicing over the prospect of having some new workers this year.

MRS. T. W. BURKHOLDER IN ACCOUNT WITH WOMAN'S SOCIETY, U. S. A.

|          |                                       | DR. |    |   | CR. |    |   |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----|----|---|-----|----|---|
|          |                                       | Rs. | A. | P | Rs. | A. | P |
| 1885.    |                                       |     |    |   |     |    |   |
| Nov. 2   | To Cash received from Treasurer,      | 106 | 14 | 0 |     |    |   |
| 1886.    |                                       |     |    |   |     |    |   |
| Jan. 30  | " " " "                               | 108 | 8  | 9 |     |    |   |
| April 30 | " " " "                               | 107 | 12 | 0 |     |    |   |
| July 27  | " " " "                               | 114 | 2  | 9 |     |    |   |
| " "      | By Cash paid Pun its of girls school, |     |    |   | 199 | 0  | 0 |
| " "      | " " Millika Evangelistic work,        |     |    |   | 18  | 0  | 0 |
| " "      | " " Chita " "                         |     |    |   | 18  | 0  | 0 |
| " "      | " " Tārā " "                          |     |    |   | 15  | 0  | 0 |
| " "      | " " Carrie " "                        |     |    |   | 6   | 0  | 0 |
| " "      | " " Rāsmone " "                       |     |    |   | 6   | 0  | 0 |
| " "      | " " Support of children in school,    |     |    |   | 175 | 5  | 6 |
|          |                                       | 437 | 5  | 6 | 437 | 5  | 6 |

MIDNAPORE. — MISS COOMBS' REPORT.

You see, by my financial report, we are not in debt, though the balance is small; but we expect the remittance before next pay day.

The pay-roll for the teachers of the Ragged schools averages 100 rupees per month, making at least twelve hundred rupees per year, and the appropriation from the Woman's Society helps pay this.

The Zenana statistics stand something like this: fourteen teachers, and three old women who go with the unmarried teachers; 150 pupils, and three Bible women in the outside stations, where we have small churches.

I have recently engaged a librarian, who is to take charge of the library which Mrs. Griffin started, and to which I hope we may be able to make additions each year. She will carry books to those able to read in zenana homes, and take back those already read.

There are two horses, two garries, and a phaeton; and I have two bullock garries besides. One of the horses and garries is used to bring the Hindu pupils to the Eng-

lish school, and take them home at its close. I often use the same team.

The English school has paid eighty-four rupees for the use of carriages this past year. As to the Ragged schools, there are seventeen with twenty-five persons connected with them. Some of these latter are teachers, some are engaged as companions for the young women, and others are employed in collecting the children in places where this seems necessary. All these, with the exception of six Hindus, are nominally Christians.

Their wages vary according to their work, and ability for that work. The whole number of pupils on the roll is 460.

When Miss Millar left us, all these came under my care, though a sort of inspector or examiner was chosen from the Bible school, who, about once a month, examines them and reports to me. I have the paying off, and if a school is not doing well, I must learn the reason and either remove it, or discharge the teacher and find another one. I must look out for places in which to hold the schools, and, if possible, interest the children's parents, so that they will put up some place; I must also see that the religious training is not neglected. I try to visit two or three schools each week.

Among the zenana pupils are some who declare very decidedly to us, that they have no faith in idols, and offer their prayers directly to God. Two or three have finished the small Catechism, and, with their other studies, are reading the story of Jesus. A Christian monthly magazine is taken by some of the better educated women, and I am hoping to get it into other homes.

The English school of which I have spoken, is a very interesting one. There are now in it six Hindu girls and nine Christians. This is the only school of the kind nearer than Calcutta, and gives an opportunity for native gentlemen to give their daughters a good education, if they wish to do so. Thus far the school has been no expense to the mission, as it has been supported by a government grant, with some subscriptions, donations, and the fees.

My work among the Christians of our village, consists of a class in our Sabbath School, a children's meeting, a woman's prayer meeting, and a teachers' meeting.

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FROM JULY 1, 1885, TO JULY 1, 1886.

| CR.                         | Rs.  | A. | P. | DR.                           | Rs.  | A. | P. |
|-----------------------------|------|----|----|-------------------------------|------|----|----|
| By Government grant.....    | 600  | 0  | 0  |                               |      |    |    |
| " Woman's Society .....     | 662  | 8  | 3  | To Repairs on unmarried       |      |    |    |
| " Remittance from Law-      |      |    |    | teachers' house.....          | 56   | 11 | 3  |
| rence, Mass.....            | 26   | 9  | 0  | " Bullocks' garries, hired..  | 292  | 0  | 0  |
| " Remittance from West      |      |    |    | " Horses' feed .....          | 174  | 0  | 3  |
| Oueonta, N. Y.....          | 53   | 15 | 3  | " Shoeing horses.....         | 22   | 8  | 0  |
| " Fees for teaching.....    | 53   | 11 | 0  | " O'l for carriages & har'es. | 10   | 9  | 6  |
| " Subscriptions from ladies |      |    |    | " Repairs, .....              | 8    | 4  | 0  |
| in Midnapore .....          | 65   | 0  | 0  | " New harness, .....          | 25   | 0  | 0  |
| " Rec'd from English school |      |    |    | " Tax on horses & carriages   | 35   | 6  | 0  |
| for use of carriage.....    | 84   | 0  | 0  | " Syces .....                 | 120  | 0  | 0  |
|                             |      |    |    | " Sundries .....              | 5    | 4  | 0  |
|                             |      |    |    | " Teachers.....               | 627  | 11 | 6  |
|                             |      |    |    | " Bible women.....            | 158  | 6  | 9  |
|                             |      |    |    | " Bal. in hand July 1, 1886.. | 9    | 14 | 3  |
|                             | 1545 | 11 | 6  |                               | 1545 | 11 | 6  |

STORER COLLEGE, HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA.

Mrs. Brackett writes: In regard to Industrial training for the girls, we are able to make a better report than usual, on account of the services of Miss A. R. Wood, of Lewistown, Me., who volunteered when we already had our usual supply of help. The classes in sewing and knitting could be smaller, thus allowing each girl instruction every day. The result was very satisfactory, several who apparantly had before learned very little, became quite proficient in the use of the needle. A few availed themselves of such facilities as we have for learning type-setting. We greatly need the means to do more in industrial training.

Mrs. Lightner says: The report of one year might be the report of another, so nearly are the years like parallel lines. We rejoice that the influence of the school is reaching farther and farther each year. We believe that of the large number of representatives of Storer sent out, the wheat far exceeds the tares, for the discipline of school life does very thorough winnowing.

The school buildings, have all summer been open for boarders, and are consequently in good repair for the fall term. The visitors have been very favorably impressed by the industry, thrift, and intelligence of our people. It was gratifying to notice their daily increasing respect for such of the pupils as they met here.

The addition of Mrs. Curtis and Miss Wood to our teaching force, during parts of the year, made possible careful attention to some things hitherto neglected, or unsatisfactorily attempted.

The memory of the past year at Myrtle Hall is pleasant to recall for many reasons. There was very little sickness, more studying, a better use of time out of school hours, and an encouraging advancement in religious life. How much of this was due to the influence of Miss Wood, only the judgment will reveal.

Miss Franklin writes: Could we take our friends into Anthony Chapel when school is in session, they would be able to detect many features of our work, in which they are most interested. Let us imagine ourselves with such a medium. It is the first day of the fall term. With paper and pencil we go from seat to seat, recording the names of the newcomers and welcoming back those who have been here before. Now and then we are handed an official looking document, which shows that the bearer is a State student. This leads us to speak of our State department, the new feature of four years ago. West Virginia has long had a State Normal School, opening its doors for young men and woman desirous of becoming teachers. Did I say young men and women? That is a mistake; for the young man or woman, however promising, noble, or good, in whose veins flowed even one drop of black blood, its doors were shut, — ay, sealed. In view of these facts, it is not, strange that, when appealed to by the proper authorities Prof. Brackett agreed to make room for these neglected ones. The return is small in dollars and cents, but great, we hope and believe, in other particulars. Almost every county of the State has now been reached. This public recognition of the worth of the institution by the State authorities, has done much to awaken a new interest in it by all classes. Of those who have completed the Normal course, and entered the field as teachers, the reports are most encouraging.

A step or two further, and we reach one of a class, numerous in the earlier history of the school, but not often met with now, — a man entirely ignorant of even the first rudiments of education. Every feature, every line of his face, shows that he has learned the hard and bitter lesson of subjection, taught for so many years to his race.



Seven months later, when we take his hand at parting, we know that if he never sees Storer College again, it will live in his memory. His face has lost something of its hopeless look. Something, not all; for it has been the index to a wronged soul too long. But the kind pains-taking teachers, the consideration of the more advanced students, also the religious meetings, stripped of all violence, but full of earnest Christian zeal, have all had their influence.

Another step, and we find a type just the opposite of the one above described. It is Anniversary day. From the graduating class we take a young woman, not because she is in any wise superior to many others, but because she is an excellent representative of her class. Three years since, she came here with an intense craving for an education. You felt instinctively that there "was something in her;" nor were you disappointed. She cannot take her course on "flowery beds of ease," but must work her way along, and this she does in a manner that gives dignity to her labor, and takes none from herself. She finds, too, the "Pearl of great price," and treasures it with a calm and trustful spirit. Such young women as this one, going as teachers among our people, are among the many blessings which are the outcome of the brave efforts of the friends of this school. God grant that their interest may break forth anew with the coming year's work, and that no part of it may suffer for want of means of support.

#### REMOVAL OF THE ORPHANAGE.

It will be seen from the above reports, that since our last annual gathering the Orphanage has been removed from Jelasore to Balasore. This change seemed imperatively necessary. The fatal fever which so decimated the ranks of the children, not only, but also those of maturer years, could not with impunity be longer disregarded. Precious lives enough had been sacrificed, from the noble teacher, whose record still lives in the hearts of thousands, to little Gracie, one of the dear lambs of the Saviour's fold, who was the last to succumb to its fatal influence.

#### MISS BACHELER.

After earnest and thoughtful deliberation, the board, at its last session, decided to extend Miss Bachelers furlough, that she may continue still longer her medical course. No one who does not understand the condition of the heathen

women, particularly those of the higher classes, can have any proper idea of the imperative want of women physicians.

There were also special considerations which led the Board to grant this extension of furlough. Miss Bachelor was scarcely more than a child when first employed by the Woman's Society as a Zenana teacher. For years she did noble work, both in this capacity and after assuming the full duties of a missionary. But during these years so closely devoted to the welfare of others, her own mental training must necessarily have been neglected. It is but simple justice that she be granted time for the improvement of those abilities which in a marked degree she possesses.

#### OUR MISSIONARY ELECT.

The society is to be congratulated in having secured the services of one whom all agree in pronouncing eminently qualified for the position to which she has been elected. The unusual advantages which Miss Butts has possessed, particularly in the matter of acquiring languages, and her marked success as a teacher, lead to the most sanguine expectations in regard to her future life-work.

#### RESULTS.

Twelve years since, our first annual report was presented to the Society. We were but a little one then; we are scarcely more than that now. Yet all these years there has been growth,—constant, steady growth.

Then, our first missionary elect was about to sail for her chosen field. Now, we number four in India, one at home, and one on the eve of leaving her native land to join the little band of workers over the waters. Aside from the support of our own missionaries, appropriations have each year been made to assist in carrying on the work of others. Twelve years since, we furnished no aid to Storer College. Now, we not only appropriate more than a thousand dollars yearly for that work, but are also able to assist our Western Home Mission. Not a colossal growth this; not a tithe of what would have been accomplished had each Christian woman felt her responsibility, yet we are thankful that each year, as it has flown, has witnessed increased results,—thankful for the broadening, deepening interest that is felt all along the line, as the work of woman for woman is more and more appreciated.

MRS. J. A. LCWELL.

# Reports of Home Secretaries.

[*Mrs. V. G. Ramsey for New England.*]

STANDING at the close of another year, we look back on the past, with devout thankfulness for the Divine blessing that has attended our work at home and abroad. And now at our

## THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

we desire, with greater zeal, with redoubled energy, to consecrate ourselves to the Master's service. We mourn that so large a part of our sisters have neglected to coöperate with us, but we are hopeful for the future, praying that the Holy Spirit may be poured out on the churches, and that all may see how blessed is the privilege of working with Christ for the world's redemption.

## OUR MAGAZINE

has been doing its work of helping most successfully the past year. The interest in its pages has not decreased, and financially it has had a fair year. The value of this aid cannot be lost sight of, and many more readers should be obtained.

## THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE

reports that there has been a slight advance in every particular. A somewhat larger supply of material has been forwarded to the Bureau, but the need is still pressing for more. The number of applications for missionary papers has increased, and between one and two hundred have been sent to auxiliaries for use in monthly and public meetings.

Is is also encouraging to perceive that for the first time in its six years of existence the Bureau is self-supporting. This year the receipts cover the expenses of postage and stationery, and a few cents remain in the treasury.

There is reason to hope that the efficiency and helpfulness of the Bureau shall be greatly augmented in the ensuing year; and to this end we would impress on our auxiliaries this fact—the Bureau depends chiefly on them for its supplies, and we plead for personal thoughtfulness and faithfulness in forwarding all missionary letters and all material that may be useful.

## OUR DISTRICT REPORTS.

Again we are obliged to acknowledge with deep regret that our reports are not perfect. The difficulty appears to be that the secretaries of auxiliaries neglect to forward their reports to the secretaries of the Quarterly Meetings; and in some cases other secretaries are forgetful of their duty. Let us all endeavor to perfect our work.

## MAINE.

MAINE WESTERN YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. L. G. CLARK, NORTH PARSONSFIELD; SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MRS. F. C. BRADEEN, NORTH BERWICK.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Secretaries.                                    | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Cumberland....      | Miss H. A. Deering, 10 Deering Street, Portland | 25               | 8                   | 3             |                                |                          | \$311 00       |
| Otisfield .....     | Mrs. L. R. Barrows, Bolster's Mills             | 14               | 5                   | 1             |                                |                          | 94 41          |
| Parsonsfeld....     | Mrs. J. H. Brown, Limerick                      | 14               | 6                   |               |                                |                          | 65 55          |
| York County....     | Mrs. F. C. Bradeen, North Berwick               | 15               | 8                   |               |                                |                          | 189 30         |
|                     | Total.....                                      | 68               | 27                  | 8             | 477                            | 232                      | \$560 26       |

In addition to the above this Yearly Meeting has contributed \$105.00 towards the outfit and passage of Miss Bachelor, and \$10.00 for Dr. Phillips' expenses in visiting the meeting, which makes their total the past year \$675.26.

But there are forty-one churches from which we have no report.

MAINE CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MISS ANNIE R. WOOD, LEWISTON; SECRETARY, MISS CLARA PURINGTON, WEST BOWDOIN.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Secretaries.                          | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Anson.....          | Miss Lydia Ford, Kingsfield           | 18               | 3                   |               |                                |                          | \$12 00        |
| Farmington...       | Miss Ella A. Butler, Farmington Falls | 23               |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
| Bowdoin .....       | Miss Fannie E. Fogg, Augusta          | 32               |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
| Edgecomb .....      |                                       | 11               |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
| Waterville .....    |                                       | 14               |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
|                     | Total .....                           | 98               | 3                   |               |                                |                          | \$12 00        |

It is with the deepest regret that we exhibit this *want of a report*. What more shall the Yearly Meeting Secretary do? She cannot make a report except the Quarterly Meetings Secretaries report to her. We know that work is done in this Yearly Meeting. It would cheer us all to have a correct report of it.

PENOBSCOT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. E. HARDING, ELLSWORTH; SECRETARY, MRS. M. R. WADE, DOVER.

| Quarterly Meetings.     | Secretaries.                              | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Aroostook.....          | Mrs. Addie M. Childs, Fort Fairfield..... | 11               | 3                   | 2             |                                |                          | \$70 31        |
| Ellsworth. . . .        | Mrs. E. Harding, Ellsworth..              | 19               | 1                   | 1             |                                |                          | 33 50          |
| Exeter. . . . .         | Mrs. F. D. Tasker.....                    | 20               | 6                   |               |                                |                          | 64 56          |
| Houlton . . . .         | .....                                     | 14               |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
| Montville.....          | .....                                     | 15               | 2                   |               |                                |                          | 40 35          |
| Prospect and Unity..... | .....                                     | 12               |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
| Sebec.....              | Mrs. M. R. Wade, Dover.....               | 14               | 8                   | 2             |                                |                          | 152 75         |
| Springfield. . .        | .....                                     | 6                |                     |               |                                |                          | 361 41         |
|                         | Total .....                               | 111              | 20                  | 5             |                                |                          | \$722 82       |

The Secretary says, "You will see from my report that we have raised almost twice as much money this year as last, for which we thank God and take courage."

#### RHODE ISLAND.

RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. L. DEXTER, BLACKSTONE, MASS.; SECRETARY, MISS ELLA EVANS, 261 WASHINGTON STREET, PROVIDENCE.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Number of Churches in Association..... | 24       |
| Number of Auxiliaries.....             | 16       |
| Number of Bands .....                  | 8        |
| Number of Members of Auxiliaries ..... |          |
| Number of Members of Bands.....        |          |
| Amount raised.....                     | \$856 19 |

The amount credited above was raised between Oct. 31, 1885 and Sept. 14, 1886. The basis of work in this Association is \$1,000 and the secretary says, "we expect to meet it, or nearly so, before the close of our fiscal year, which is Oct. 31.

"It is our ideal to have an Auxiliary and a Children's Band in every church, and a Young People's Society wherever practicable, and we intend to push the work till every church adopts this system."

## VERMONT.

VERMONT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. G. M. PRESCOTT,  
LYNDON CENTRE; SECRETARY, MRS. CHESTER DICKEY,  
WASHINGTON.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Secretaries.                                   | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Huntington....      | Mrs. G. B. Clifford, Starksboro                | 12               | 3                   | 2             |                                |                          | \$48 00        |
| Corinth.....        | Mrs. C. Dickey, Washington..                   | 7                | 5                   | 2             | 38                             |                          | 63 52          |
| Strafford.....      | Mrs. J. L. Barrett, South Staf-<br>ford.....   | 3                | 3                   | 1             | 20                             |                          | 46 82          |
| Stansstead .....    | Miss Fannie Moulton, Stan-<br>stead, P. Q..... | 5                |                     |               |                                |                          | 15 00          |
| Wheelock.....       | Mrs. G. M. Prescott, Lyndon<br>Centre.....     | 18               | 7                   | 3             |                                |                          | 187 64         |
| Enosberg. ....      | .....  | 5                |                     |               |                                |                          | 5 00           |
|                     | Yearly Meeting Collection....                  |                  |                     |               |                                |                          | 13 00          |
|                     | Total.....                                     | 58               | 18                  | 8             | 58                             |                          | \$378 98       |

We believe the women of Vermont will make a vigorous effort to accomplish what they have undertaken. It is well when a Quarterly Meeting Society undertakes a specific work, to divide the sum necessary among the Quarterly Meetings, and to inform each auxiliary of what will be its share. If there are some who fail, others will make it up by raising more than is asked.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YEARLY MEETING—PRESIDENT, MRS. A. B. MESERVEY, NEW HAMPTON; SECRETARY, MRS. J. C. OSGOOD, SOUTH BERWICK, ME.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Secretaries.                                | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| New Durham..        | Miss Ella Place, Centre Straf-<br>ford..... | 23               | 8                   | 1             | 151                            | 30                       | 130 37         |
| Sandwich.....       | Mrs. C. E. Blake, Madison...                | 18               | 6                   | 4             | 70                             | 88                       | 195 19         |
| Weare. ....         | Miss Nettie C. Clarke, Sutton.              | 13               | †                   |               |                                |                          | 42 00          |
| Rockingham..        | Mrs. Minnie B. Hunt, Dan-<br>ville.....     | 15               | 7                   | 3             | 151                            | 136                      | 311 37         |
| Belknap.....        | Mrs. J. S. Weeks, Laconia....               | 14               | 1                   | 1             | 20                             | 84                       | 111 00         |
| Lisbon.....         | .....                                       | 10               |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
| Wentworth..         | .....                                       | 4                |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
| Wolfboro.....       | .....                                       | 12               |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
|                     | Total .....                                 | 109              | 22                  | 9             | 392                            | 38                       | \$789 93.      |

† No Report.



The Secretary says, "We are glad to report that our figures, as compared with last year show an increase of workers, and nearly two hundred dollars more money raised. Besides this sum reported, money has been raised in the Wolfboro Quarterly Meeting for Miss Butts' outfit.

"The ladies in the Lisbon Quarterly Meeting have also promised to enter the work, but no report has been received from them." There are five Quarterly Meeting Societies. When the women of New Hampshire send one of their dearest and most accomplished sisters into the foreign field, will not the members of the *eighty-seven churches* in which there are no auxiliaries feel that they have something to do?

[Miss Stockwell for the Interior.]

OHIO.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. T. H. DRAKE, SOUTH NEW LYME; SECRETARY, MISS GEORGIA TURNER, PIERPONT.

| Quarterly Meetings.      | Secretaries.                          | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Ashtabula .....          | Miss Frances Allison, Colebrook ..... | 10               | 3                   |               | 54                             |                          | \$109 54       |
| Cleveland.....           | Miss Eva Coates, Cleveland ..         | 4                | 1                   | 1             | 38                             |                          | 101 14         |
| Washington....           | Mrs. M. A. Nevins, Glyndon, Pa.       | 6                | 6                   |               | 83                             |                          | 110 17         |
| Crawford .....           | .....                                 | 4                | 1                   |               |                                |                          | 14 00          |
| Geauga and Portage ..... | .....                                 | 3                | 1                   |               |                                |                          | 4 00           |
|                          | Yearly Meeting Collection.....        |                  |                     |               |                                |                          | 16 00          |
|                          | Total.....                            | 27               | 12                  | 1             | 180                            |                          | \$354 85       |

The Ohio and Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting leads in the work of the state for the past year. Here we find more work accomplished than within any previous year, and more than half of the entire contributions have been paid by this Yearly Meeting.

Ashtabula reports two new auxiliaries, and churches having no organization are contributing for mission work. Two of its churches have prepared boxes for the poor of New York City and India. Geauga and Portage have one

recently organized auxiliary. Aside from amount reported, this Quarterly Meeting has raised about \$200.00 for home and charitable work.

Ohio Yearly Meeting sends no report. Efforts have been made from time to time to start the work in this Yearly Meeting, but without success.

**OHIO CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING.**—PRESIDENT, MRS. J. C. SKIDMORE, WEST MANSFIELD; SECRETARY, MRS. O. W. WALDRON, MARION.

| Quarterly Meetings.       | Secretaries.                             | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Lorain.....               | Mrs. Mattie Rose, Kipton.....            | 3                | 2                   |               | 35                             |                          | \$43 50        |
| Marion.....               | Mrs. O. Waldron, Marion.....             | 7                | 6                   | 1             | 75                             |                          | 77 75          |
| Harmony.....              | Mrs. J. C. Skidmore, West Mansfield..... | 6                | 3                   |               | 23                             |                          | 30 80          |
| Richland and Licking..... |  | 4                |                     |               |                                |                          | 10 50          |
| Seneca & Huron.....       |  |                  |                     |               |                                |                          | 20 88          |
|                           | Yearly Meeting Collections....           |                  |                     |               |                                |                          |                |
|                           | Total.....                               | 20               | 11                  | 1             | 133                            |                          | \$183 43       |

**OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING.**—PRESIDENT, MRS. H. J. CARR, JACKSON; SECRETARY, MRS. C. HOOPER, ATHENS.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Secretaries.                              | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Athens.....         | Mrs. Lizzie Dutton, Dowington.....        | 9                | 3                   |               | 23                             |                          | \$35 88        |
| Gallia.....         | Mrs. Ella B. Davis, Rio Grande.....       | 7                | 2                   |               |                                |                          | 37 37          |
| Jackson.....        |   | 7                | 1                   |               |                                |                          | 50             |
| Kanawha.....        | Mrs. Sallie J. Hill, Coalburg, W. Va..... | 13               | 6                   |               | 25                             |                          | 5 00           |
| Meigs.....          |   | 8                |                     |               | 52                             |                          | 47 15          |
|                     | Yearly Meeting Collection....             |                  |                     |               |                                |                          | 10 00          |
|                     | Total.....                                | 44               | 12                  |               | 103                            |                          | \$135 90       |

Kanawha Quarterly Meeting organized during the year, and is a valuable addition to the cause. Athens reports a revival of interest with contributions increased four-fold.

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION.—SECRETARY, MRS. H. J. COE,  
CLEVELAND.

From the secretary's report given at the annual meeting, we glean the following: "Comparing our present report with those of previous years, we find that the fifth year of the Woman's Missionary Society has been its most successful one. Although in some parts of the state the work has fallen behind, in others there has been a steadily increasing interest, and consequently an increase in contributions. Appropriations for the year amounted to \$731.42. These include Dr. Nellie Phillip's salary, and \$100.00 for her school work, also other foreign and home demands.

"This report containing all that can be gathered from the correspondence of the year, is necessarily imperfect, because there are many auxiliaries whose officers do not realize the importance of making regular reports, and in some parts of the state the mission work is carried on independent of our society."

NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—SECRETARY, MRS. A. C. MCKOON,  
ELLCOTTVILLE, N. Y.

An incomplete report comes from this association again this year. The secretary writes: "I have been trying for two months to collect materials for a report. Have written more than once to some of the secretaries, and from most have received nothing. We have four Yearly Meeting, and fifteen Quarterly Meeting societies. Also a few new auxiliaries. About \$400.00 is credited to the Woman's Missionary Society. Many of the churches work independently and are reported in other ways. Much of our Home Mission work is not reported anywhere. Could we only get full reports of the work accomplished, and thus give the working churches proper credit, others might be stimulated to like services." We give the names of officers only.

SUSQUEHANNA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. WM. SHERWOOD, APPALACHIN, N. Y.; SECRETARY, MISS LUCY E. DODGE, WARREN CENTRE, PA.

*Q. M. Secretaries.*

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Gibson, Mrs. O. C. WHITNEY, New<br>Milford, Pa. | Spafford, Miss J. V. LASELLE,<br>Summer Hill, N. Y. |
| Owego, Mrs. MYRON PRINCE,<br>Windham, Pa.       |   |

**HOLLAND PURCHASE YEARLY MEETING.**—PRESIDENT, MRS. A. C. MCKOON, ELLICOTTVILLE, N. Y.; SECRETARY, MRS. S. L. PARKER, SHERMAN, N. Y.

*Q. M. Secretaries.*

French Creek, Mrs. MATTIE PHIL- | Cattaraugus, Miss ELLA CLARK,  
LIPS, Sherman, N. Y. | Ellicottville.  
Genesee, Mrs. A. M. FISH, Pike.

**CENTRAL NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING**—PRESIDENT, MRS. I. J. HOAG; SECRETARY, MRS. E. J. MORGAN, POESTENKILL.

Oswego, Mrs. M. A. HOOSE, Mexico. | Whitestown, Miss JESSIE JUMP  
Otsego, Mrs. E. J. MORGAN, One- | Ames.  
onta.

**NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA YEARLY MEETING.**

*Q. M. Secretaries.*

Tioga, Mrs. ANNA WARREN. | Chemung, Mrs. CHAS. RANDALL.

**ST. LAWRENCE YEARLY MEETING.**

*Q. M. Secretary.*

Jefferson, Miss CARRIE NORTON, Depauville.

In the Genesee Yearly Meeting, Rochester Quarterly Meeting has an organization.

Within the Association, the French Creek, Jefferson, Oswego, and Genesee Quarterly Meetings, are working largely through the Woman's Mission Society.

### MICHIGAN.

**MICHIGAN YEARLY MEETING**—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. A. W. BACHELDER, HILLSDALE; SECRETARY, MRS. H. A. MAYNARD, SPARTA.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Secretaries.                           | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Hillsdale.....      | Mrs. J. R. Mowry, Rome Center.....     | 13               | 9                   | 4             | 255                            |                          | \$586 84       |
| Grand Rapids.....   | Mrs. E. C. Bailey, East Paris.....     | 12               | 9                   |               | 70                             |                          | 146 58         |
| Van Buren.....      | Mrs. G. W. Myers, Paw Paw.....         | 8                | 7                   |               |                                |                          | 28 55          |
| Genesee.....        | Mrs. E. N. Wheeler, Columbiaville..... | 17               | 7                   |               | 62                             |                          | 78 78          |
| River Raisin.....   | Miss Nettie English, Manchester.....   | 4                | 1                   |               | 17                             |                          | 37 42          |
|                     | Total .....                            | 54               | 33                  | 4             | 434                            |                          | \$878 17       |

The Secretary says: "Our report is meagre, and does not comprise full amount accomplished, but after a more thorough canvass of the state it is to be hoped that our reports will be increased in accuracy.

ST. JOSEPH VALLEY YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. E. FRENCH, HOMER; SECRETARY, MRS. THEODORE COOK, HOMER.

| Quarterly Meetings.      | Secretaries.                   | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | Amount Raised. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Calhoun and North Branch | Mrs. F. R. Randall, Burlington | 7                | 1                   | 1             | 10                             | 25                       | \$78 86        |
| Cass & Berrien.          | Miss Lola Sutton, Elkhart Ind  | 7                | 3                   |               | 62                             |                          | 42 91          |
| Branch.....              | Mrs. C. H. Austin, Batavia...  | 5                | 1                   |               | 29                             |                          | 15 75          |
| Union.....               | Yearly Meeting Collection....  | 6                |                     |               |                                |                          | 12 04          |
|                          | Total .....                    | 25               | 5                   | 1             | 110                            | 25                       | \$149 56       |

This Yearly Meeting is surely gaining in organization. Two auxiliaries having been recently organized. Many churches without auxiliaries appoint a collector to take pledges and awaken interest.

The Secretary is "hopeful of greater things in future service." The Union Quarterly Meeting organized a year ago, but sends no report. In the other Quarterly Meetings a good work is being done. Public meetings are held each quarter, which bespeaks increasing zeal.

[Mrs. Croswell for the West and South.]

It is with thankfulness to Him "who giveth the increase," that I submit my report of our work in the West.

There has been great gain in several ways, and though I have to tell the same old story of several of the states, — *no report*, I feel sure they are still at work.

There has been great gain in organization, especially in Minnesota and Kansas, through the efforts of Mrs. McKenney, who went out to labor under the auspices of the Society; so that in Minnesota we have a society in every church and the membership of societies has more than doubled.

In Kansas six societies have been organized. I received the following not long since from a sister in Kansas, in answer to an inquiry from myself in regard to Western mission work in that state: "Our cause in this state is so weak that we know little of each other. I am not uninterested but am longing and praying for more laborers in our prosperous state."

As we see how signally prayers have been answered, shall we not all, in Kansas and elsewhere, thank God and take courage?

The circulars sent out by the Society, have been distributed, and many other helps in the work sent to all societies of which we have any knowledge, in our particular field. I will only add, as I resign the work of Western Secretary, that I am conscious that it has been very imperfectly done, in the years that it has been in my hands, but I leave it with Him, who is fully able to bring about results from very poor efforts, and assure you that my interest in and prayers for the Woman's Mission work will continue.

#### WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. F. M. WASHBURN, RACINE; SECRETARY, MRS. O. H. TRUE, WINNECONNE.

*Q. M. Secretaries.*

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rock and Dane, Mrs. H. R. Os- | Waupun, Mrs. M. G. FELT.    |
| BORNE.                        | Fon Du Lac.                 |
| Honey Creek, Miss OLLIE HOYT. | Lafayette, Mrs. J. R. POPE. |

Number of Quarterly Meetings, 6; Number of Quarterly Meetings having societies, 5; Number of Auxiliaries, 9; Number of Members, 260; Money contributed, \$336.83; Number of Bands, 4; Contributions, \$58.21; Other money contributed, \$30.37; Number of HELPERS taken, 91; Contributed from all sources, \$425.41.

#### KANSAS.

KANSAS YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. J. E. BAYLESS, CHANUTE; SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MISS JENNIE HALE, YATES CENTER.

*Q. M. Secretaries.*

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Row Valley, Mrs. JULIA HALE,  | Rock Ridge, Mrs. F. E. FAIR- |
| Yates Center                  | BROTHER.                     |
| Summer and Cowley, Mrs. L. L. | Salem, Miss NORA COLGROVE.   |
| ANGIR, Augusta.               | Bethsaida, Mrs. J. BRANCE.   |

These societies have all been organized this year. I have no report from others.



MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY, CHAMPLIN; SECRETARY, MRS. G. B. BRADBURY, MINNEAPOLIS.

| Quarterly Meetings.     | Secretaries.                                      | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. |          |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Hennepin.....           | Mrs. G. B. Bradbury, 1217 Chestnut ave, Minn..... | 11               | 12                  | 2             | 273                            | 75                       | \$484 59 |
| Winona and Houston..... | Miss Genie Gross.....                             | 4                | 5                   |               | 132                            |                          |          |
| Blue Earth Valley.....  | Mrs. S. J. Banker.....                            | 6                | 5                   |               | 92                             |                          | 51 19    |
| Chain Lake.....         | Mrs. F. P. Bacon, Nashville Center.....           | 5                | 5                   |               | 100                            |                          | 275 00   |
| Root River....          | Mrs. M. A. Crain, Spring Valley.....              | 5                | 2                   |               | 30                             |                          |          |
| St.Croix,(Wis).         | Unorganized.....                                  | 6                | 2                   |               | 14                             |                          |          |
|                         | Total.....  | 37               | 31                  | 2             | 641                            | 75                       | \$810 78 |

Treasurer's Report.

AUGUST, 1886.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING WITH AUGUST, 31, 1886.

Dr.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| To cash on hand Aug. 31, 1885.....  | \$294.63 |
| “ for Foreign Missions.....   | \$652 25 |
| “ “ zenana work.....  | 163 20   |
| “ “ Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary and work, from Ladies' Foreign Aid Society, of New Brunswick, for their appropriation to Mrs. D. F. Smith's work..... | 518 37   |
| “ for Miss Hattie Phillips' salary and work   | 300 00   |
| “ “ Miss Ida Phillips’ “ “  | 514 47   |
| “ “ Miss L. Coombs', salary.....  | 243 33   |
| “ “ zenana work, Industrial School, and Bible women at Midnapore....  | 105 25   |
| “ “ Miss Mary Bachelor's salary.....  | 547 79   |
| “ “ Mrs. J. Burkholder's work.....  | 110 56   |
| “ “ Home Missions.....  | 75 83    |
| “ “ Work at Harper's Ferry.....   | 88 05    |
|   | 50 50    |

|  |         |    |
|--|---------|----|
| To cash for Mrs. Lightner's salary.....  | 51      | 95 |
| “ “ Miss Franklin's salary.....  | 372     | 42 |
| “ “ Western Department.....  | 67      | 52 |
| “ “ from interest on money loaned.....   | 11      | 12 |
| “ “ for general work.....  | 1,533   | 96 |
| (Total receipts for yearly appropriations, \$5,406.57.)  |         |    |
| To cash for Chandbali.....   | 21      | 54 |
| “ “ outfit and passage of Miss Butts....   | 514     | 66 |
| “ “ “ “ Miss Bachelor.   | 58      | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ Missionaries..   | 30      | 85 |
| “ “ salary of Miss Butts.....  | 3       | 00 |
| “ “ Western work by special act .....  | 431     | 02 |
| “ “ Myrtle Hall.....   | 30      |    |
| “ “ Incidental fund from contributions,<br>and one-half of interest on<br>“ Working Capital”.....                            | 56      | 46 |
| “ “ Literature fund, from contributions,<br>from sale of Manuals, and one-<br>half of interest on “ Working<br>Capital”..... | 62      | 79 |
| (Total receipts for special appropriations, \$1,178 62)  |         |    |
| Total Receipts.....  | 6,585   | 19 |
| Total to account for.....  | \$6,879 | 82 |

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|---|-------|----|
| By cash for Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary.....                                | \$400 | 00 |
| “ “ Orphanage and assistant, and other<br>work in care of Mrs. Smith .... | 500   | 00 |
| “ “ Miss Hattie Phillips' salary.....                                     | 400   | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ work.....   | 100   | 00 |
| “ “ Miss Ida Phillips' salary.....  | 400   | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ work .....  | 270   | 00 |
| “ “ Rent for Misses H. and I. Phillips....                                | 150   | 00 |
| “ “ Miss L. Coombs' salary.....   | 400   | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ rent.....   | 42    | 00 |
| “ “ zenana work, and Bible women at<br>Midnapore.....                     | 200   | 00 |
| “ “ Industrial School at Midnapore....                                    | 325   | 00 |
| “ “ Mrs. Burkholder's schools .....                                       | 160   | 00 |
| “ “ Mrs. Lura Lightner's salary.....                                      | 400   | 00 |
| “ “ Miss M. Bachelor's salary.....  | 400   | 00 |
| “ “ Miss C. Franklin's salary.....  | 350   | 00 |
| “ “ work at Harper's Ferry .....  | 400   | 00 |
| “ “ Western Department.....   | 300   | 00 |
| “ “ printing reports .....  | 107   | 17 |
| (Total on yearly appropriations, \$5,304.17.)                             |       |    |
| By cash for Chandbali.....  | 21    | 54 |
| “ “ outfit of Miss Butts.....   | 200   | 00 |
| “ “ Western Department, due Aug. 31,<br>1885.....                         | 139   | 35 |
| “ “ Western work by special act.....                                      | 431   | 02 |

# Treasurer's Report.

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|   |            |
|---|------------|
| By cash for Myrtle Hall.....                  | 30         |
| "    Incidental fund.....                     | 22 27      |
| "    Literature fund.....                     | 65 41      |
| (Total for special appropriations, \$879.89.) |            |
| Total disbursements.....                      | \$6,184 06 |
| Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1886.....               | 695 76     |

Total accounted for..... \$6,879 82

Of cash on hand there are due sundry items amounting to \$442.61.

## INVESTMENTS.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Balance of note against Storer College.....                              | \$148 92 |
| Deposited in Strafford County Savings Bank....                           | 123 03   |
| Bond of mortgage of Carrol H. Johnson.....                               | 300 00   |
| "    "    "    Kate Schulte and husband,<br>known as "Hebberd Fund"..... | 500 00   |

Total Working Capital..... \$1,071 95

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast, well vouched, and the investments and cash on hand same as above stated.

Mrs. E. B. CHAMBERLAIN, *Auditor.*

Receipts from the following sources :

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Maine, . . . . .                              | \$1,673 03 |
| New Hampshire, . . . . .                      | 1,163 25   |
| Rhode Island, . . . . .                       | 935 02     |
| Minnesota . . . . .                           | 527 69     |
| Massachusetts, . . . . .                      | 481 70     |
| Michigan, . . . . .                           | 427 11     |
| Vermont, . . . . .                            | 344 61     |
| Ladies' Foreign Aid Society, N. B., . . . . . | 300 00     |
| Iowa, . . . . .                               | 139 47     |
| New York, . . . . .                           | 94 00      |
| Wisconsin. . . . .                            | 59 00      |
| Illinois, . . . . .                           | 51 50      |
| California, . . . . .                         | 40 35      |
| Indiana, . . . . .                            | 39 20      |
| Province of Quebec, . . . . .                 | 35 50      |
| Nebraska, . . . . .                           | 35 08      |
| Missouri, . . . . .                           | 30 00      |
| Kansas, . . . . .                             | 16 54      |
| Ohio, . . . . .                               | 14 90      |
| Pennsylvania, . . . . .                       | 4 00       |
| Dakota, . . . . .                             | 3 76       |
| New Jersey, . . . . .                         | 2 08       |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . .                      | 79 94      |
| Interest, . . . . .                           | 72 57      |
| Sale of Manuals, . . . . .                    | 14 89      |

Total receipts, . . . . . \$6,585 19

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1887.

### INDIA.

#### *Midnapore.*

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Salary of Miss L. C. Coombs, . . . . .  | \$400 00 |
| Zenana work and Bible women, . . . . .  | 200 00   |
| Industrial Schools, . . . . .           | 325 00   |
| Salary of Miss Ella F. Butts, . . . . . | 400 00   |

#### *Jellaspore.*

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Schools, . . . . . | 100 00 |
|--------------------|--------|

#### *Bhimpore.*

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Santal work, teachers, and schools (Mrs. Burkholder), . . . . . | 160 00 |
|---|--------|

#### *Balasore.*

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Salary of Miss Hattie P. Phillips, . . . . .                      | 400 00 |
| Salary of Miss Ida O. Phillips, . . . . .                         | 400 00 |
| Work of Miss Ida O. Phillips, . . . . .                           | 220 00 |
| Rent for both, . . . . .  | 125 00 |
| Salary of Mrs. D. F. Smith, . . . . .                             | 400 00 |
| Salary of assistant, . . . . .                                    | 300 00 |
| Work of Mrs. D. F. Smith, girls' orphanage and schools, . . . . . | 180 00 |

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Total for India . . . . . | \$3,610 00 |
|---------------------------|------------|

### HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VA.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Salary of Miss Lura Lightner, . . . . .    | 400 00 |
| Salary of Miss Coralie Franklin, . . . . . | 350 00 |
| Work at Harper's Ferry, . . . . .          | 400 00 |

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Total for Normal School . . . . .           | \$1,150 00 |
| Miss Mary Bachelor, (in America), . . . . . | 150 00     |
| Home missions in the West, . . . . .        | 500 00     |
| Missionary in the South, . . . . .          | 150 00     |

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Total . . . . . | \$5,560 00 |
|-----------------|------------|

## Memberships and Scholarships.

The payment of \$1.00 constitutes a member for one year.  
 \$20.00 constitutes a life member.  
 \$25.00 supports an orphan for one year in India.  
 \$25.00 supports a zenana teacher one year in India.  
 \$25.00 supports a Bible woman one year.

## **Constitution.**

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### **ARTICLE I.**

#### **NAME.**

THIS organization shall be called the **FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

### **ARTICLE II.**

#### **OBJECT.**

The object of this Society shall be to extend the Christian religion and its blessings, more especially among women and children, by sending and supporting missionaries and teachers, and by establishing schools and churches in Free Baptist fields, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies.

### **ARTICLE III.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP.**

The payment of \$1.00 per year shall constitute membership, and \$20.00 life membership.

### **ARTICLE IV.**

#### **OFFICERS.**

The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President from each Yearly Meeting or Association Society, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, two or more Home Secretaries, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, when needed, an Auditor, who, with thirteen other women, shall constitute a Board of Managers, seven of whom may form a quorum. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

### **ARTICLE V.**

#### **RELATIONS TO OTHER SOCIETIES.**

This Society shall act as an associate worker with the F. B. Foreign Mission Society and the F. B. Home Mission Society, and no missionary shall be sent to India without the approval of the F. B. Foreign Mission Society.

### **ARTICLE VI.**

#### **MEETINGS.**

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of October, due notice of time and place being given by the Recording Secretary, who shall also call special meetings when so directed by the Board of Managers.

## ARTICLE VII.

## CHANGES.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of said change having been giving in writing at a previous annual meeting.

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**By-Laws.**

## ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall perform all duties usual to such office, and shall also be the president of the Board of Managers.
2. The Vice-Presidents who are the presidents of Y. M. and Association societies, shall perform the duties usual to such office. The one who is president of the Y. M. Society in which the meeting of this Society is held, shall, in absence of the President, perform her duties. They are also members of the Board of Managers.
3. The Recording Secretary shall also be secretary of the Board of Managers, and shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Board of Managers, at the Annual Meeting of the Society, for its approval. She shall apprise members of committees of their appointment, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.
4. The Foreign Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries and teachers, both at home and abroad, and keep on file letters and papers. She shall call meetings of the Board of Managers, duly notify each member, when she deems necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board, and present to the society an annual report.
5. The Home Corresponding Secretaries shall have oversight of the work of the Society as relates to organization, securing the formation, as far as possible, of Y. M., Q. M., and Auxiliary societies. They shall conduct correspondence with the Corresponding Secretary of these societies and present to the Society an annual report.
6. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report which has been accepted by the Board of Managers, at each annual meeting of the Society. She shall pay no bills except by vote of the Board, which vote shall be signed by the Recording Secretary. She shall also give a bond satisfactory to the Board.
7. The Board of Managers shall select and appoint missionaries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society when any occur, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society.



## ARTICLE II.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *Publication Committee* of seven shall be appointed annually, who shall have in charge tracts, leaflets, books, and our magazine. Their special duties shall be assigned them by the Board of Managers, and they shall report annually to the Society.

2. *Bureau of Intelligence*.—This department of work is designed to afford a medium of circulating missionary intelligence among auxiliaries and churches. It shall be under the care of a committee of two persons, who shall have power to enlarge their number when needed. They shall report annually to the Society.

3. *Advisory Committee (in India)*.—The missionaries of this Society in India shall constitute an Advisory Committee, regularly organized. Business requiring action of the Board of Managers shall be communicated through their secretary; this shall include requests for furloughs to return home, and any possible resignation of missionaries. In consultation with other missionaries whose work we assist, it shall ascertain and recommend the proportionate amount of money needed for the work at the several stations, the Secretary forwarding this basis of appropriation with the annual reports of the several missionaries to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society by July 1st, annually.

## ARTICLE III.—SPECIAL OBJECTS.

*Incidental Fund*.—This fund is designed for the payment of necessary expenses of special meetings of the Board of Managers, traveling expenses of delegates and committees, and for postage, stationery, and printing of the officers of the general Society. Its disbursements shall be under the control of the Board of Managers.

2. *Working Capital*.—The interest of this fund is designed to be used for the general work of this Society, and the fund itself only as security for obtaining money to meet emergencies. The money borrowed on this security is to be returned before new appropriations are made. This capital shall be invested in safe securities by the Treasurer, under the direction of the Board.

## CHANGES.

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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## Form of Bequest.

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I give and bequeath to the FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, incorporated in the year 1883, under the laws of the State of Maine, the sum of . . . . . dollars, to be used for the purposes of said Society.

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